

**Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**  
***National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit***

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*Come Holy Spirit, by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your well-beloved spouse. Amen.*



*Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, I give thee my whole self, soul and body, all that I have or may have, to keep for Jesus, that I may be His for evermore. Amen.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bill Reay & Deceased Family Members. (Theresa McCarron)*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bill Reay & Deceased Family Members. (Theresa McCarron)*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.

If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself. The parish bank details are:

**Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea**

**Sort Code 401322 Account Number: 41020463.**

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number in the Reference. Funds received last week:

Standing Order Offerings £1404.00 of which £1218.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £693.86 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

CAFOD: £178.49 of which £19.00 was gift aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

### **JOHN 3:14-21**

In the Gospel from John, Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. Jesus quoted the Book of Numbers to Nicodemus, where Moses lifted-up the serpent in the desert. The Jews were being attacked by serpents and a large number died from the bites. God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Whenever a serpent bit someone, the person would look up at the bronze serpent mounted on the pole and they would recover from the bite.

Jesus tells us that, 'The Son of Man must be lifted-up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life'. As the bronze serpent was lifted-up on the pole to be a sign of hope and relief from suffering and death, Jesus Christ was lifted-up on the Cross as a sign of our redemption and salvation. Jesus tells Nicodemus, 'Yes, God loved the world so much that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life'. If we refuse to believe in Jesus Christ, He does not condemn us, we condemn ourselves.

When we look at a crucifix, we see Jesus Christ lifted-up on the Cross. We are reminded of the great price paid for our salvation. We see a great sign of hope. Hope in a merciful God, who sent His only Son into the world in order that the world and each one of us individually could be healed from sin. There can be no resurrection without the Cross. May we learn this Lent to embrace the Cross of Christ as the means of our salvation.

### **EASTER SERVICES**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (With visiting Priests)	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.00 pm.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday Mass:	8.00 pm.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (Meeting at Christmas Tree Island in town centre.)	Walk of Witness	10.00 am.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Polish Blessing of the food.	12.00 pm.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Vigil	8.00 pm.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Day Mass	8.30 am.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Day Mass	10.30 am.

**SVP TEA & COFFEE MORNING:** St Charles Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10.00am to 2.00pm. Enjoy a hot drink and delicious cakes while supporting a great cause. Free admission. Appeal for cakes and raffle gifts.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:** Vacancies at several Catholic Schools across the Diocese. Expressions of interest are being sought from practicing committed Catholics for this ministry. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experience including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Email [governanceappointments@brcdt.org](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org) or call 01277 265216.

**ST MICHAELS CARE HOME:** Looking to employ a weekend housekeeper, duties include laying up tables and cleaning. Hours 7.30am to 1.00pm every weekend or job share every other. Please call into the home for an application form.

**THE READINGS AT THE EASTER VIGIL:** Fr Adrian Graffy explains the significance of each reading. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 7.00pm. Live stream [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org).

**PAYMENT OF OFFERTORY BY STANDING ORDER:** The Parish has recently received bank charges exceeding £400.00 for paying in notes and coins into our bank account. These charges can be avoided if we pay by standing order. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thomas Killen RIP Tim.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Bill Reay RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John Sullivan RIP Mrs S M Smith.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbachi & Family Intentions. Mary.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Soul of Kunjumon Bindu Jacob.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Philip & Connie Sharpe Intentions. Catherine
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jennifer Syme RIP Andrews Family.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Billy Brown RIP Peter Walsh.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Barbara & Derek Porter Intentions. Kathleen Tibbs.