

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen Haugh RIP (Eileen Morley)*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Haugh RIP (Eileen Morley)*

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 £570.00 of which £527.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £485.09 of which £77.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 12:20-33

In the Gospel from John, Jesus foretells His death and subsequent glorification. Jesus tells His disciples, 'Now the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. In truth I tell you, unless a wheat of grain falls to the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest'. Jesus was to be the wheat grain that would die, and His death would yield a rich and great harvest for all. Jesus tells them, 'When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself'. He is indicating His death on a cross. Jesus also gives us a warning. He states that, 'anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me'. We are Christians and should live our lives in the knowledge that this temporal and short existence is only a preparation for our eternal destination with God. The only thing that we can hold onto in this life is love. The love we receive and the love we give to God and others. Everything else will be taken away from us. St Paul tells us that only love is eternal. We build our treasure in heaven through acts of love.

We follow Christ and, therefore, we follow Him to the cross. We all have our individual crosses in this life. Jesus embraced His cross in total obedience to His Father, in the knowledge that His death would bring about the defeat of death and evil. To follow Christ, we must have the strength and obedience to embrace our own personal cross in the knowledge that it is through the cross that we receive our salvation. There can be no resurrection without the cross.

EASTER SERVICES

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

SVP TEA & COFFEE MORNING: St Charles Hall on 16th 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.

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from Pax Christi thanking the Parish for a donation of £233.25 following the recent collection.

RETRouvaille SUPPORT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14th to 16th June 2024, call or text 07887296983 or email retrovailleinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: For latest events and news go to www.bcys.net

FUNERALS: The following funerals will take place next week:

Wednesday 20th March 2024 Fr John Taylor Dec'd

Friday 22nd March 2024 Valerie Coughlan Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families. Bishop Alan will be presiding at the Requiem Mass for Fr John Taylor. The service is open to all parishioners.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 16 th March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jennifer Syme RIP Andrews Family.
Saturday 16 th March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 16 th March 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 16 th March 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 16 th March 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 16 th March 2024. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Billy Brown RIP Peter Walsh.
Sunday 17 th March 2024. <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.

Sunday 17 th March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Barbara & Derek Porter Intentions. Kathleen Tibbs.
Monday 18 th March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Vikki & Juan Herrero Intentions.
Tuesday 19 th March 2024. <i>The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Harria Alba Intentions.
Wednesday 20 th March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Fr Henry Whisnant Intentions. Lindsey.
Wednesday 20 th March 2024.	12.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Fr John Taylor Dec'd.
Friday 22 nd March 2024.	1.30 pm	FUNERAL MASS: Valerie Coughlan Dec'd.
Friday 22 nd March 2024.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 23 rd March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Lucy & Family Peter & Norma.
Saturday 23 rd March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Saturday 23 rd March 2024. <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Cook Intentions.
Sunday 24 th March 2024. <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey & Family Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 24 th March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: David, Hayley, Charlotte & Emily Drane Intentions.