

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: Communal worship continues to be a permitted event. The Church is open for the celebration of Mass and Private Prayer. Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people.

WEEKEND MASSES: The weather is improving; people are receiving their vaccinations and the attendance numbers at all Masses is now increasing – Thank God. We continue to be restricted to 50 people at each Mass. **I would, therefore, once again ask that**

those who are able to attend Mass in the week should refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity. Thank you for your co-operation. Fr Patrick.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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:

Electronic Offerings £825.00 of which £685.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £189.30 of which £79.30 was gift aided.

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

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION: Total received £335.98 of which £124.00 was gift aided.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES: New Tax year boxes for collection at back of Church. If your number was 51 to 91, you will have a new number between 1 and 50. Second collection envelopes are available for those paying by standing order. They need to write their number on each envelope.

LUKE 24:35-48

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. The season of Easter commences with the Easter Vigil and extends for a fifty-day period concluding with Pentecost Sunday: the birth of the Church. During this period, we focus in a special way on the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus appears to His disciples and eats a meal with them. Jesus shows them the marks of His crucifixion on His hands and feet. He invites the disciples to touch Him. He sits down and eats grilled fish with them. Jesus is not a ghost but is physically with them in soul and body. Jesus's body is real but perfected following His Resurrection. He can eat and be touched but He is no longer subject to pain or death. Christ goes where we are to follow. We are human and are, therefore, both soul and body. We are not angels or spirits. At our Resurrection, we will be raised in both body and soul. Our bodies will be perfected and no longer subject to pain, illness, or death. The effects of sin will be completely removed from our eternal lives. We will receive through grace what Jesus Christ possesses through nature. This is the Good News. This is our promise of eternal life. In the Holy Mass, we have a taste of eternity given to us in the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the words of St

Cyprian: 'let the hand that took hold of the body of the Lord embrace the Lord Himself, and so gain from the Lord the future prize of a heavenly crown'.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Wednesday 21st April: Gladys Jones Dec'd

Friday 23rd April: Lawrence Lucas Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

PARISH REGISTRATIONS: The current record of parishioners is out of date. I would, therefore, ask that all parishioners complete and return a Parish Registration Form. The forms are available at the back of the church and can also be downloaded from our website: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH.

Saturday 17 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: Alan Chaytor-Grubb Intentions. Nicola.
Saturday 17 th April	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 17 th April	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 17 th April Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Bojanczyk RIP. Matthew & Elaine Todd.
Sunday 18 th April Third Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Antoni & Matylida Delikator RIP. Family.
Sunday 18 th April	10.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Lee Family
Wednesday 21 st April	9.30 am.	MASS: John Trime Intentions Nicola

Wednesday 21 st April	11.30 am. Attendance by invitation only.	FUNERAL: Gladys Jones Dec'd
Thursday 22 nd April	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary & Joe Powell Intentions Parish
Friday 23 rd April Solemnity of St George, M, Patron of England.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Theresa McCaron
Friday 23 rd April	12.15 pm. Attendance by invitation only.	FUNERAL: Lawrence Lucas Dec'd
Saturday 24 th April Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus, Bp.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Nicola
Saturday 24 th April	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 24 th April	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 24 th April Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Joan & Paul Williams
Sunday 25 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Vocations Sunday	8.30 am	MASS: Jenny Cotter RIP Caroline, James & Lisa Cotter
Sunday 25 th April	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Catherine Murphy Intentions James Murphy