

**Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

***Divine Mercy Sunday***

*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.*

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:** Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

**THANK YOU.** A big thank you from Fr Patrick for your Easter cards, gifts and prayers.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

In the Gospel from John, we are told that the risen Jesus Christ came and stood among His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them His hands and His side. He once again said to them, "Peace be with you" and adds "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you". He then breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained". As God breathed on Adam in Genesis and gave him life, Jesus breathed on his disciples and gave them His spiritual life. Thomas was absent and did not believe that Jesus had risen and appeared to the disciples. Once again Jesus appears with the message, "Peace be with you". After showing Thomas His hands and His side, Thomas proclaims Jesus: "My Lord and my God". Jesus responds by saying, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Saint John Paul II established the universal feast of Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday after Easter. Out of love and mercy for humanity, God sent His only Son into the world to die on a cross and be raised from the dead. God's only Son took upon Himself all our sins and paid the price for those sins. We are helpless in our sin without the love of God to forgive us. Jesus Christ is the love of God incarnate into humanity.

Through His actions in this Gospel, Jesus created the means for our access to God's love and mercy. He breathed the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and through them created His Church and the Holy Sacraments of the Church. Through Apostolic succession and the Holy Spirit, we are given the gift of the Holy

Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are given the most perfect gift of total love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In these times, when we are denied access to the Sacraments, let us not forget the words of the Divine Mercy Prayer: 'Jesus, I trust in you'.

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS

Offerings can be made by standing order or electronic payments using the following details: **Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea, Sort Code 401322, Account Number: 41020463** or by debit card using the donation button on our website. Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and gift aid number in the Reference. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

**FUNERAL:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Elsie Helen Wallace (know as Maria) whose funeral takes place on Monday, and for the support of her family who are suffering the pain of grief at this time.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE PRIEST ONLY:

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Barbara & Lynn Mason Intentions (T. Coyne)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	5.00 pm	Mass: Fr Michael Stewart (Catherine O'Donovan)

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8.30 am.  10.30 am.	MASS: Glenice Tickle RIP (Vera Jones) MASS: Pat Moss & Richard's Family Intentions (Kay Lockett)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am.	MASS: David Wilson RIP (Angela Cook & Family)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30 am.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus, Bp.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Agnes Randall RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Killen Family Living and deceased (Ann Killen)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	5.00 pm.	Mass: Anthony Butler Intentions (Gift)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Third Sunday of Easter (A)</i>	8.30 am.  10.30 am.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP (Paul & Joan Williams) MASS: Catherine Murphy RIP (James & Sylvia Murphy)

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