

**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.*

**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Haugh RIP (Eileen Morley)*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen 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 £661.50 of which £492.50 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £527.16 of which £16.61 was gift aided.

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

### **JOHN 10:11-18**

This is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also known as Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday. In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us: 'I am the Good Shepherd: The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep'. Jesus laid down His life and gave Himself up to death on a cross for His sheep. Jesus tells us: 'I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father'. Jesus invites us to a knowledge and love of Him that reflects the love of the Blessed Trinity: a reflection of the love between Jesus and His Father in the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us: 'there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well'. God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ is to the whole of humanity, regardless of race, gender, or creed. Jesus excludes nobody from the redeeming sacrifice of His love through His death on the Cross. Jesus tells us that He laid down His life 'of my own free will'. Jesus' death is the living proof that 'the greatest love a person can show is to give one's life for one's friend'. This is the proof that Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd. We are encouraged to consider the vocation of Priesthood this Sunday. A priest is called to serve God and to give pastoral care and leadership to a community. The Church needs priests. Pray that those called will have the courage and love to serve God and others in this special ministry.

**MONTHLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP:** If you would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, there will be a talk, time of prayer and some food at Brentwood Cathedral commencing Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE:** The black lining to the kneelers has been replaced by a parishioner. There has recently been some further damage. Please take care when using the kneelers. Thank you.

**CALLING ALL RED BOXES:** Please bring any full Red Missio Boxes with you to Mass and give them to a Church Steward. Thank you, Manual and Barbara.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** If you wish to book a place on the Diocese Pilgrimage on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024, please place your name and address, contact telephone number, and £25.00 fee per person (Children go free) into a sealed envelope and give it to a Church Steward. Thank you, Paul Twyford.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral Mass for Sylvia Choate will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the promotion of vocations to the Priesthood.

**YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR/GUITAR PRACTICE:** The next meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the church. Guitar 4.45-5.30pm. Choir 5.30-6.30pm.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Marie & Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024.	8.30 am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Peter McManamon.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbachi & Family.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Rosie Hand RIP. Mrs Hanna.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024. <i>National Solemnity of St George, M.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Audrey Morgan RIP. Tara.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024. <i>Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus, Bp of London.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Anthony Spooner RIP. Lee Family.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Johanna Cox RIP. Doreen Lane.

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Saturday 27 <sup>h</sup> April 2024.	6.00 pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 28 <sup>h</sup> April 2024.	8.30 am.	MASS: William Family.
Sunday 28 <sup>h</sup> April 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter Gamble Intentions. Doreen Lane.