

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (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: Tier 5 Regulations Update: Communal worship is 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.

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 £665.00 of which £445.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £240.11 of which £73.00 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 the 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 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.

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTIONS: From Missio at
<https://www.youtube.com/c/MissioUK/videos>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7.00 pm.

CALLING ALL MISSIO RED BOXES: Please bring any full Red Boxes and hand them to a Church Steward. Thank you.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING 24th MARCH: Please pray the Rosary for the end of abortion and euthanasia – The Good Counsel Network.

COMMERCIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE: If anybody has any legal experience, please would you give your details to Fr Patrick.

REVIEWING YOUR WILL: Do not forget Our Lady of Light. You can give to the parish using the following wording in your will: 'I give, free of all taxes, the sum of £..... to the trustee of the Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (charity no 234092), for the general charitable purposes of the Diocese of Brentwood with the request, but without imposing any trust, that the same should be used for gift to Our Lady of Light and St Osyth Parish, Clacton on Sea, and I declare that the receipt of a proper officer of the Brentwood Diocese shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my executors'. Any sum given in this way is exempt from Inheritance Taxes.

THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Times of Services and Mass will be as follows:

Thursday 1st April – Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday:

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm

Saturday 3rd April:

The Easter Vigil at 8.00 pm

Please note that the services will be limited to 50 people on a first arrival basis. The services have been redacted to ensure COVID19 compliance.

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

Saturday 20 th March	9.30 am.	MASS: Dermot Murray RIP John Murray
Saturday 20 th March	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 20 th March	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 20 th March Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Patrick Cunnane RIP Janet Cunnane
Sunday 21 st March Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Alice Doyle RIP L Hanna
Sunday 21 st March	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Mentally Ill in Parish Lee Family
Monday 22 nd March	9.30 am.	MASS: Patricia Hughes RIP Theresa McCarron
Thursday 25 th March Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord	9.30 am.	MASS: Mr & Mrs Tony Carolán Intentions Michael & Caroline Pratt
Friday 26 th March	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Bojanczyk RIP Tricia & Michael Saverby
Friday 26 th March	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 27 th March	9.30 am.	MASS: Tomlin Family – Christopher Mary Tomlin
Saturday 27 th March	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 27 th March	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 27 th March Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: George Foolkes RIP Doreen & Martin
Sunday 28 th March Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Jake Latto Intentions Nan & Grandad Latto
Sunday 28 th March	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Ron Caton RIP Julie Lee