

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

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***SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)***

*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.*

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** For the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Chapel: *Private Intention*
- ❖ Our Lady of Light Chapel: *Confirmation Candidates.*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** **Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.** This greatly helps the parish finances. 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:

Electronic Offerings £627.00 of which £464.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £789.24 of which £89.30 was gift aided.

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

#### JOHN 17:1-11

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus is with His disciples at the last supper. Jesus is making His personal prayer to His Father, shortly before His arrest, passion, and death. He prayed for His own mission, His immediate disciples and for us. Jesus prayed to His Father that 'the hour had come to glorify His Son, and to give eternal life to all those entrusted to Him.' Jesus would be glorified through the shameful, humiliating, and excruciating death on a cross. From the cross, He would bring about the reconciliation of humanity with God. He took upon Himself all the sins of mankind from the beginning to the end of time. The innocent Jesus paid the price for our sins.

Jesus prayed for His immediate disciples that they may be faithful in their mission. He passed on His mission to His disciples to continue on earth. This is the mission to proclaim the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, Jesus prayed for us. He prayed for those in the future who would be given by the Father to the Son. As baptised Christians, we have been given to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to the Father. We are called to live the way of Jesus. This way is the life of service and love to others. This way is a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the same Jesus Christ, who through the action of the Holy Spirit and the glory of His sacrifice gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist: the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY: There will be no services in the church. Fr Patrick and members of the parish will be joining Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: Our confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU: Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass, or no longer feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience. Go to

[https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts)

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMPS: We have 2 sanctuary lamps constantly burning at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Our Lady of Light Chapel. Each lamp burns for 7 days. It will be possible from the week commencing Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May to dedicate a sanctuary lamp to a particular intention or person. If you would like to arrange a dedication for a particular week, please speak to a Church Steward at the back of the church. The suggested donation is £5.00. The dedications will be announced in the newsletter.

YOUNG PERSONS' SUMMER PARTY: St Charles Parish Hall - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. For 7 to 18 years old (any younger must be accompanied by an adult). Calling all the youngsters to come and have some fun. You can also find out more about our Young Persons Choir and altar service. Forms for names and numbers will be at the entrance of the church in the next few weeks. Keep a look out. (All booked by Paul). Cheers and God Bless Julie.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Masses this weekend for World Communications Day. This fund is used by the Bishops of England & Wales to communicate the Catholic faith.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for latest events. BCYS Youth Mass 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at Brentwood Cathedral. BCYS Youth Gather 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island. See the website for details.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN: Sisters Faith Companions of Jesus. 26<sup>th</sup> to 28 May 2023 in Liverpool. For more information contact Sr Lynne at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

JESUIT PROVINCIAL TO SPEAK AT GIDEA PARK: Fr Damian Howard to be speaking on 'Serving Christ in a Hostile Environment' on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 11.00 am to 1.30 pm. Live stream [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Solemnity of Our Lady of Light.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions The Lee Family.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Aiden Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joe McLoughlin RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa & Family.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	9.00 am.	MASS: Cassie, Carley & Family Intentions.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Moira & Ronan McCarron Intentions. Theresa & Brian McCarron.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Christina Carrara Intentions.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Solemnity of Pentecost. A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter Gamble RIP Doreen Lane.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: David Green & Family Intentions.