

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

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 GUIDELINES: The wearing of face masks is suggested in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please, where possible, make offerings electronically: **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. Via the donation button on the website.** 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 £548.00 of which £342.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £374.65 of which £73.00 was gift aided.

Columbian Fathers £447.30 of which 239.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 14:23-29

In the Gospel from John, Jesus is speaking to His disciples at the Last Supper immediately before His arrest and passion. Jesus speaks of our relationship with the Blessed Trinity. Through our baptism, we have become sons and daughters of God the Father, temples of the Holy Spirit, and members of the Body of Christ. Our whole lives both in this world and the next are in deep relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Jesus speaks of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would come at Pentecost following Christ's ascension into heaven. As Jesus left this world to return to His Father, the Father sent through Jesus the Advocate. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and they were transformed into people without fear of this world. They received the peace that only Jesus can give us. The Church was born.

The purpose of this life is to grow in ever closer union with the Blessed Trinity. It is to enter the very life of God. The Holy Trinity is a relationship of total, complete, and perfect love. We accomplish this union at the end of this life when we enter a state called heaven.

We are glad that Jesus has returned to His Father in heaven. Jesus has not abandoned us. He continues to intercede for us at the right-hand of His Father. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Church, we are given the Holy Sacraments. Each Sacrament is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. This is true of all the Sacraments but most especially the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist we receive Jesus Christ Himself in His body and blood. When we consume Christ, we become what we consume. We incrementally are transformed into other Christs. We assume an ever-growing relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINIUM JUBILIEE GARDEN PARTY: You are invited by the SVP to join the celebration in the Presbytery Garden on Monday 6th June 2pm to 4pm. £10 tickets available after all Sunday Masses – includes buffet lunch, raffle, bingo, and a glass of bubbly. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes welcome. If you can help setting up the garden, let us know. Further information and availability of transport contact: Peter McManamon 07954090461.

SECOND COLLECTION: For World Communications Day next weekend 29th May. You can donate in the black buckets or by bank transfer quoting reference: 'Communications'.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The coach will arrive at 8.00 am at St Charles Hall on Saturday 28th May for boarding. The coach will leave at 8.30 am at the latest. We expect to be back at the church at 7.30 pm. You need to bring a packed lunch.

SATURDAY 28TH MAY SERVICES: Please note that there will be no services on Saturday 28th May due to the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham. The Saturday evening Mass at 6.00 pm will not be celebrated.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This is a holyday of obligation on Thursday 26th May. Masses will be at 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

PARISH CHOIR: We have a wonderful choir in our Parish who are appealing for new members. Please let Fr Patrick know if you can help.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: 27th to 29th May in Liverpool. Organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA: The Knights are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 and over, to help them in their good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. Contact George Johnson 07476781885.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE 2022 EVENTS: Please see www.bcys.net/events for information.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 21 st May 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Johanna Cox RIP D Lane.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSSARY

Saturday 21 st May 2022. <i>Vigil of the Sixth Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Peace Intentions Janet Newton.
Sunday 22 nd May 2022. <i>Sixth of Easter (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Rajesh Karren RIP Tara & Terrence.
Sunday 22 nd May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peace in Ukraine & War Victims. Lee Family.
Sunday 22 nd May 2022.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Alice & Harry Dellow.
Wednesday 25 th May 2022. <i>Memorial of St Bede, Pr, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Catherine Baudains Intentions Angela Cook.
Thursday 26 th May 2022. <i>The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (C).</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Madge McCloughlin Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Thursday 26 th May 2022.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Dominic, Mary & John Henley Mary.
Friday 27 th May 2022. <i>Solemnity of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Margot Zegalowicz RIP Des & Pat.
Sunday 29 th May 2022. Seventh Sunday of Easter (C). <i>World Communication Sunday.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter Gamble RIP D Lane.
Sunday 29 th May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Alice & Andy Redmond RIP Andrew Redmond.