

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

Day of Prayer for the Church

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: 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. People who can attend Mass during the week should allow others to attend at the weekend.

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 £467.00 of which £332.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £242.83 of which £90.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 20:19-23

In the Gospel from John, Jesus entered the closed room and said to disciples: "Peace be with you". This is the peace that the world cannot give us. It is the peace that can only be obtained through the knowledge that we are loved and saved by God. There is no force on earth that can separate us from Jesus Christ. Jesus gave the disciples the solemn mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the world. He said, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you". Jesus then breathed on the disciples and they became His apostles. The word apostle means ambassador or those sent on behalf of another. We are all called to be ambassadors of Christ. In the Book of Genesis, Yahweh breathed on Adam and gave him life. As Adam received life from God, so now the apostles received new spiritual life from Jesus Christ.

In Baptism we are given a new spiritual life through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism we become temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are given the fulness of the Holy Spirit to give witness. In the Holy Eucharist, we are fed by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, through the action of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to give witness to the truth. The word Mass is derived from the Latin word *Missio*, which means sending forth into the world. We are Christ's ambassadors empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to proclaim Our Lord Jesus Christ: born, died, and risen from the dead – Alleluia!

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Tuesday 25th May: Terence Montgomery Dec'd

Thursday 27th March: Vera Andrews Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

BISHOP ALAN: On Saturday 29 May Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which everyone can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS: See www.righttolife.org.uk/news.

VOTIVE CANDLES: You may now light a votive candle in the church subject to the following:

1. Inform a Church Steward that you wish to light a candle.
2. Only one person to be at a votive candle stand.
3. Strict adherence to the one-way system in the church.

Our insurance cover prohibits votive candles being left alight in an empty church. Votive candles should, therefore, be lit before the beginning of Mass or during the 2-hour period of private prayer on Saturdays.

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

Saturday 22 nd May.	9.30 am.	MASS: Alan, Liz & Julian Casey Intentions.
Saturday 22 nd May.	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 22 nd May	12.00 am.	HOLY ROSARY For the ending of the COVID 19 Pandemic
Saturday 22 nd May.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 22 nd May. Vigil of The Solemnity of Pentecost (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions.
Sunday 23 rd May. The Solemnity of Pentecost (B) <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Jimmy John RIP Jestin George & Family
Sunday 23 rd May	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS - Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Lindsey Abbarchi Intentions Mary Pearce.
Sunday 23 rd May	3.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Monday 24 th May	9.30 am.	MASS: Jo & Family Intentions Mary Pearce.

Monday 17 th May	10.00 am.	HOLY ROSARY For the ending of the COVID 19 Pandemic
Thursday 27 th May	9.30 am.	MASS: Maria Claire Watts RIP Foundation Mass
Thursday 27 th May	11.00 Attendance by invitation only.	FUNERAL: Vera Andrews
Friday 28 th May	9.30 am.	MASS: Mary Tomlin Intentions Mary Pearce.
Saturday 29 th May.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jack & Justyna Knonikowska Intentions Parish.
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Saturday 29 th May. Vigil of The Solemnity of The Most Blessed Trinity (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary & Joe Powell Intentions Mary Powell.
Sunday 30 th May. The Solemnity of The Most Blessed Trinity (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Elizabeth & Ian Lloyd Golden Wedding Catherine.
Sunday 30 th May	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Jill Harrison RIP Harry Killen.