

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER C

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 £516.00 of which £272.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 20:19-31

This is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel from John, Jesus appears to the disciples in a closed room. 'Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them His hands and His side'. The disciples were in the presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus tells the disciples, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you". After saying this He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained". The risen Christ, by giving the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, entrusted to them His power of sanctifying. Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The ordained priesthood guarantees that it is really Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church. From this hour onwards, the Mission of Christ and the Spirit became the Mission of the Church. Following the Ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven, He is no longer visible to us in His bodily form. The Sacraments are the earthly extension of the Body of Our Lord. The Sacraments bridge the gap between the Christ of heaven and humanity on earth. The Sacraments make possible human encounter with the Risen Lord. The Sacraments are not things but encounters of men and women with Jesus Christ in a visible form. It is through the Sacraments that the Church continues the healing and saving ministry of Jesus Christ on earth. Through His Church, Jesus Christ grants the gift of forgiveness, healing, and mercy to all who approach Him in true repentance. We simply must abandon our trust in Him. 'Jesus, I trust in you.'

EASTER OFFERINGS: Thank you for your cards, generous personal offering, and prayers. Fr Patrick.

FUNERALS: The following funerals will be taking place next week:

- Tuesday 26th April – Lorretta Mulcock Dec'd
- Friday 29th April – Julia Card Dec'd

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

10.30 MASS COFFEE CLUB: Please may I have volunteers to re-establish the coffee club after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass. Let Fr Patrick know if you can help.

WEBSITE TO HELP UKRAINE: CARITAS has a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help – through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies, and clothing. All the information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: A coach has been booked for Saturday 28th May 2022. To book your seat on the coach, please put your name and contact number on an envelope containing the coach fee of £20.00 per seat, and give it to a Church Steward at Mass. Bookings will be on a first come, first serve basis. The closing date for bookings will be Sunday 8th May.

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

ONLINE AUCTION: The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels alongside Caritas Brentwood and the Refugee Support Braintree District and Essex Integration is running an online auction to help raise money to settle an Afghan refugee family in the area. To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>

GIDEA PARK FAITH TALKS: Throughout the fifty days of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared podcasts on ‘[The Acts of the Apostles](#)’ and ‘[Paul in Acts](#)’, for your use through the Easter season. Click on www.whatgoodnews.org for free access.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES.

Saturday 23 rd April 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions Parish.
Saturday 23 rd April 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 23 rd April 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 23 rd April 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSSARY
Saturday 23 rd April 2022. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Joan & Paul Williams.

Sunday 24 th April 2022. <i>Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John Martin RIP Christine Tom & Family.
Sunday 24 th April 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions Parish.
Monday 25 th April 2022. <i>Feast of Saint Mark.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Sham RIP Tara.
Tuesday 26 th April 2022. <i>Solemnity of St George.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. Anon.
Friday 29 th April 2022. Feast of St Catherine of Siena.	9.00 am.	MASS: Elizabeth Bernie Michael RIP Brendan Herlihy.
Friday 29 th April 2022.	10.30 am.	FUNERAL: Julia Card Dec'd
Saturday 30 th April 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: A E Litter Intentions Parish.
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Saturday 30 th April 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSSARY
Saturday 30 th April 2022. <i>Vigil of the Third Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Julie Benz & Family Shane.
Sunday 1 st May 2022. <i>Third Sunday of Easter (C).</i> <i>St Joseph the Worker.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Ciaran Joseph Whelan Intentions. Thomas Whelan.
Sunday 1 st May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Paul Twyford & Family. Parish.