

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

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*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.*

**PALM SUNDAY (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Queenie Hughes & Dec'd members of Reay Family (Theresa McCann)*
- ❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: For all the young people of the parish (Anna Martin)*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS:** Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.

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:

Standing Order Offerings £583.00 of which £396.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £583.10 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

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

### **MARK 15:1-39**

On this day, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. We recall the Messianic entrance and the Passion of the Lord. This is the commencement of Holy Week. This is the week in which we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ from His Passion and death, to the glory of His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. We by His grace are partakers of the Cross, in order that we may also have a share in His Resurrection and in His life. Though innocent, Jesus suffered willingly for our sins. His death has washed away our sins and His Resurrection has purchased our eternal life.

We are told by scriptural scholars, that in ancient times, palm leaves were seen as a symbol of victory and were often displayed in great celebrations of success over the enemy. The early Christians adopted the sign of the palm leaf to represent the victory won by Christ over the evils of sin and death. This is why the early martyrs were said to have received the palm of martyrdom.

As we celebrate the Church's great liturgies this week in remembrance of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, let us not forget the great victory won for us by Our Saviour and Lord – Jesus Christ.

### **EASTER SERVICES**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March (With visiting Priests)	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.00 pm.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday Mass:	8.00 pm.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (Meeting at Christmas Tree Island in town centre.)	Walk of Witness	10.00 am.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Polish Blessing of the food.	12.00 pm.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Vigil	8.00 pm.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Day Mass	8.30 am.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Day Mass	10.30 am.

**MASS OF MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 10.00 pm.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** The Easter offerings are your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Only the following qualifies for the personal offering: Electronic payments with the word 'Easter'

included in the reference details, the 'Easter Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Easter Masses. Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The following will be received in the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

- ❖ Nichi Keshane
- ❖ Colin Firman
- ❖ Lorraine Howard
- ❖ Oluwakemi Falusi
- ❖ Emma Goodson
- ❖ Hayley Kyriakides.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE:** Youth Mass on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Brentwood Cathedral. Meet in Parish Hall from 6.pm for pizza and refreshments. Mass at 7.30 pm. For latest events and news go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**MISSIO SCHOOL VISIT VOLUNTEERS:** If somebody is interested in volunteering for Mission Together school visits (which can involve as little as one assembly visit per year) please speak to Fr Patrick or email [Claire@missio.org.uk](mailto:Claire@missio.org.uk) for more information.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with Bishop Alan. A coach has been booked and the cost per seat will be £25.00. Further details to follow.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** There will be the usual collection at the Good Friday Service for the maintenance of the Holy Places in Holy Land.

**MONTHLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP:** If you would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, there will be a talk, time of prayer and some food at Brentwood Cathedral commencing Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 23rd March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Lucy & Family Peter & Norma.
Saturday 23rd March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 23rd March 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 23rd March 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 23rd March 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 23rd March 2024. <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Cook Intentions.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Kitty Casey & Family Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: David, Hayley, Charlotte & Emily Drane Intentions.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Patricia Denby RIP Anne Leacy.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	7.00 pm.	LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>Mass of The Lord's Supper.</i>	8.00 pm.	MASS: Fr R Donnolly Intentions. Pat & Sandra,
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. <i>The Passion of the Lord.</i>	3.00 pm.	GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE.
Saturday 30th March 2024. <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.</i>	8.00 pm.	MASS: The people of the parish Intentions.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024. <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Ann & George Intentions.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Eileen Murphy RIP Tom, Catherine & Elaine.