

**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.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** This week:

❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terence & Tara Intentions*

**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 £206.00 of which £113.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £368.96 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

Vocations Collection: £199.80 of which £49.00 was gift aided.

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

### **JOHN 15:1-8**

In the Gospel from John, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine. We are the branches attached and growing from this vine. Jesus tells us that whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and you will be my disciples.

We are Christians and disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are attached to the vine, which is the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our lives are to bear witness to the love of God. We do this in the everyday details of our daily lives. It is the love a parent gives to their child. It is in the love a child gives to their parents. It is a simple smile to a stranger. It is the welcome at the door. It is in visiting an old person in their home. It is befriending the lonely. It is visiting the sick. It is in the simple everyday acts of human love. It is in these simple acts, that we act in the person of Christ. It is the lonely and sick who show us the person of Christ.

We will shortly receive the Holy Eucharist, the Body, and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our experience of the Risen Lord. Let us follow St Paul and fearlessly preach the Good News, not through words but through our daily acts of love and kindness to all we meet.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**FR PATRICK:** Will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference next week.

**CALLING ALL RED BOXES:** Please bring any full Red Missio Boxes with you to Mass and give them to a Church Steward. Thank you, Manual and Barbara.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** If you wish to book a place on the Diocese Pilgrimage on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024, please place your name and address, contact telephone number, and £25.00 fee per person (Children go free) into a sealed envelope and give it to a Church Steward. Closing date Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Thank you, Paul Twyford.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral Mass for Binoy Thomas will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Michael Harrington will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

**YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR/GUITAR PRACTICE:** The next meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the church. Guitar 4.45-5.30pm. Choir 5.30-6.30pm.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** I have received an email from Bernadette Fisher, Director, thanking the Parish for £283.70 from the Christmas Grib Box.

**PILGRIMAGE ST PATRICK'S WAY:** Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are organizing a pilgrimage on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or email [projects@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:projects@canonesses.co.uk). Closing date: 10 May 2024.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Johanna Cox RIP. Doreen Lane.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	1.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Binoy Thomas RIP
Saturday 27 <sup>h</sup> April 2024. <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. Joe.
Sunday 28 <sup>h</sup> April 2024. <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: William Family.
Sunday 28 <sup>h</sup> April 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter Gamble Intentions. Doreen Lane.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Feast of SS Philip & James, App.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024. <i>National Feast of the English Martyrs.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Marie & Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
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Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024. Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter (B).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Theresa Madden RIP Angela Cook.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024. Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Joan & Paul Williams.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Finch Halpin Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	3.00 pm.	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.