

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

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)**

*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: Tier 5 Regulations Update: Communal worship is a permitted event. 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.

WEEKEND MASSES: The weather is improving; people are receiving their vaccinations and the attendance numbers at all Masses is now increasing – Thank God. We continue to be restricted to 50 people at each Mass. **I would, therefore, once again ask that**

**those who are able to attend Mass in the week should refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity.** Thank you for your co-operation. Fr Patrick.

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 £1540.00 of which £1315.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £346.23 of which £190.00 was gift aided.

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The black buckets will be in place all week in the Church. Pope Francis has requested that we be generous in supporting Christians in the Holy Land and to help protect the Holy Places.

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 yellow 'Easter Offering' gift-aid envelopes and cash placed in the orange buckets. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES: New Tax year boxes for collection at back of Church. If your number was 51 to 91, you will have a new number between 1 and 50. Second collection envelopes are available for those paying by standing order. They need to write their number on each envelope.

MARK 14:1-15:47

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 held 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 celebrant 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.

**FUNERALS:** The following funerals are taking place next week:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Margaret Gilbertson Dec'd

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Mary Miller Dec'd

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

**THE 15 PRAYERS OF ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN:** As we enter Holy Week, you may find it helpful to reflect on the Passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by listening to the *Fifteen Prayers of St Bridget of Sweden* set to music. It is hoped that these prayers will be a source of strength and encouragement during this time of pandemic.

Visit <https://www.jhealer.com/the-15-prayers>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at 7.00 pm.

**CALLING ALL MISSIO RED BOXES:** Please bring any full Red Boxes and hand them to a Church Steward. Thank you.

**THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Please note that the services will be limited to 50 people on a first arrival basis. The services have been redacted to ensure COVID19 compliance.

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

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am.	MASS: Tomlin Family – Christopher Mary Tomlin.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	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 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: George Foolkes RIP Doreen & Martin.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Jake Latto Intentions Nan & Grandad Latto.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Ron Caton RIP Julie Lee.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	9.00 am. <b>Please note the earlier time of 9.00 am.</b>	MASS: Sean Reay & Sheila Smith RIP Theresa McCarron.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Tomlin Family: Peter Intentions Mary Tomlin.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY.	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Miller Dec'd.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April MAUNDAY THURSDAY	7.00 pm.	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Deedy & Kandiah Family Intentions Theresa McCarron.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY	3.00 pm.	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April EASTER VIGIL	8.00 pm.	PASCHAL VIGIL MASS: The People of the Parish
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY <i>The Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Catherine Hammond, Thomas, David & Daniel Bewers Intentions David Hammond.
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Sr Andrea Drew Intentions Lee Family.