

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

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (A)

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: For the week commencing 28th May 2023:

- ❖ Blessed Sacrament Chapel: *Private Intention*
- ❖ Our Lady of Light Chapel: *Confirmation Candidates.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please make your weekly offerings by standing order.** This greatly helps the parish finances. 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:

Electronic Offerings £350.00 of which £264.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £558.25 of which £91.50 was gift aided.

World Communications Day £140.80 of which £29.00 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

We celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost this Sunday. The word Pentecost is a Greek word meaning fifty. We celebrate the death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the subsequent gift of the Holy Spirit fifty days later.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus appears to the disciples and tells them, 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you'. After 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'.

Scriptural scholars tell us that the word 'Spirit' is a translation of the Hebrew word 'ruah' meaning breath, air, wind. Jesus quite literally breathed forth the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of The Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the universe. The Holy Spirit is the transforming energy of God's love.

The disciples were in hiding fearing the actions of the Jewish authorities. They lacked courage, confidence, strength, and had locked themselves into a room. They had been traumatized by the Passion of Jesus Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit transformed them into people of faith, confidence, courage, wisdom, and the ability to lead others. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they would proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and transform the world. We are also called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have been given the transforming power of God's love to change the world.

URGENT WORKING PARTY: I need an urgent group of volunteers to clear the furniture from No 3 Church Road on Saturday 3rd June 2023 meeting at 9.00 am in the presbytery garden. The insurance company is insisting the furniture is removed immediately. Fr Patrick.

SATURDAY 27th MAY: There will be no services in the church. Fr Patrick and members of the parish will be joining Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: Our confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 28th May 2023.

WALSINGHAM COACH: Those joining the pilgrimage on Saturday should arrive at the parish car park at 7.30 am. The coach will be leaving at the dot of 8.00 am.

END OF YEAR GIFT AID STATEMENTS: The statements have been sent out by email this year. Please contact by email giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org, if you have not received your statement.

YOUNG PERSONS' SUMMER PARTY: St Charles Parish Hall - Friday 7th July 2023 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. For 7 to 18 years old (any younger must be accompanied by an adult). Calling all the youngsters to come and have some fun. You can also find out more about our Young Persons Choir and altar service. Forms for names and numbers will be at the entrance of the church in the next few weeks. Keep a look out. (All booked by Paul). Cheers and God Bless Julie.

CARITAS MEETING: Saturday 10th June 2023 10.00 am to 2.30 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary Girl School, Upminster, RM14 2QP. For information and to register: www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU: Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass, or no longer feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience. Go to https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See www.bcys.net/events for latest events.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Sunday 28 th May 2023. <i>Solemnity of Pentecost. A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter Gamble RIP Doreen Lane.
Sunday 28 th May 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: David Green & Family Intentions.
Monday 29 th May 2023. <i>Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Angela & Gordon Cook Intentions. Theresa & Brian McCarron.

Tuesday 30 th May 2023. <i>Feast of the Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Patrick Moore Intentions. Mrs D James-Flynn
Friday 2 nd June 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: George Newell RIP Tara.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023. <i>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Comps, Mm.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Frank Brennan RIP Tim Freyne.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 3 rd June 2023. <i>Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity A.</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Estelle Moss RIP Theresa & Family
Sunday 4 th June 2023. <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity A.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Ann & George Intentions.
Sunday 4 th June 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Lisa Harmon Intentions.