

**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 (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.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please, wherever possible, arrange to make your offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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 £216.41 of which £88.00 was gift aided.

Collection £470.18 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

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

#### MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

In the Gospel from Matthew, we have the account of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, entered into humanity through the action of the Holy Spirit and the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary to pay the price for our sins. This was His Mission. He came to do the will of the Father. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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. The same Jesus Christ we receive in the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**WALK OF WITNESS:** We meet with other Christians outside of McDonalds in the town centre at 10.00 am. Fr Patrick is leading the initial service with the support of the Parish Choir and readers. The walk will process around the town centre and arrive at the Pier Avenue Baptist Church for a closing service and refreshments.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Alan Codling Dec'd takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION: The annual collection will take place at the end of the Good Friday Passion Service. The funds are used to help Christians in the Holy Land and Middle East.

THE PASCHAL FAST: Good Friday is a day of fasting and should be kept sacred in memorial of the suffering of Our Lord on the day of His Passion.

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. Personal donations are welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Are available for collection at the back of the Church for the new tax year, together with second collection boxes. You need to record your own number on the second collection envelopes.

HOLY WEEK VIDEOS: Are available on The Threshold of Hope Youtube Channel – [www.youtube.com/@thresholdofhope2945](http://www.youtube.com/@thresholdofhope2945). They explain the great mysteries that we celebrate during Holy Week.

SVP VISITS: If anybody would like a visit from the Parish SVP Conference, please contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) for latest events.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thomas Whelan RIP Eileen Morley.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023. <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP Sydney, Sonya & Shane Andrews.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023. <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Marie Brown RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jeannie, John, Andrew & Martin Bradshaw Intentions.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023.	9.00 am	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	11.00 am.	FUNERAL MASS: Alan Codling RIP.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	8.00 pm. Watching with the Blessed Sacrament until 10.30 pm.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Mary Rodahan RIP Brenda Hertily.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	10.00 am	WALK OF WITNESS: Meeting outside MacDonalds in the Town Centre.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	3.00 pm.	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	12.00 pm.	POLISH BLESSING OF THE FOOD.
Saturday 8 <sup>TH</sup> April 2023.	8.00 pm.	PASCHAL VIGIL MASS: Parish Community Intentions.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023. <i>The Resurrection of the Lord (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Andy Jardine RIP Duffy Family.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell & Family Intentions. Parish.