

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 £239.00 of which £173.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 10:1-10

This Sunday is 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' or Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the Priesthood and for the personal vocation of every Christian. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us that He is the Shepherd of the flock and the gate of the sheepfold. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and the only way to the Father.

We are to know His voice and to follow Him. To follow Jesus, is to live our vocation in this life. Jesus shows us that to live life to the full is to live a life of service and love.

Every Christian needs to ask, 'What does God want me to be? What are my gifts? How can I offer these gifts in the service of the wider community and to my own Christian community?' Our Christian communities can only grow and thrive when every member makes his or her contribution to the well-being of the whole.

Vocations Sunday challenges each one of us to reflect on how we personally are responding to the call that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is making to each of us right now.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: There are still some places left on the coach. The cost per seat is £25.00. If you would like to come, please write your name and telephone number on an envelope containing the money for your seats and give it to a Church Steward at the back of the Church. For further information, please email Paultwyford@btinternet.com or phone 01255 688213.

CORONATION TEA PARTY: 8th May 2023 between 2.00 and 5.00 pm with music and bingo raffle. Prize for the best crown. Tickets £10.00. All proceeds to the SVP. We need prizes for the raffle. Please leave donations in the box at the back of the Church. Contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874 for further information.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend for the promotion of vocations. The funds are used to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. Please give generously.

JOB VACANCY: Hospitality Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please see www.bcys.net or email clairebailey@brcdt.org. Closing date 12th May 2023.

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAMME: This programme is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties there are experiencing in their marriage. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FRANCISCAN SECULAR ORDER FRATERNITY: Will meet for Exposition and prayer in the Presbytery at 6.00 pm on Friday 5th May 2023. All welcome.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 29 th April 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Patsey Downes RIP Pat Cunningham.
Saturday 29 th April 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 29 th April 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 29 th April 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 29 th April 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29 th April 2023. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Sheila Pantenery RIP Andrews Family.
Sunday 30 th April 2023. <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Liverpool Supporters Intentions Peter McManamon.
Sunday 30 th April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Jacob Konikowska Intentions. Justyna.
Monday 1 st May 2023. <i>Feast of St Joseph the Worker.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Ruphina & Family Intentions. Ruphina.

Tuesday 2nd May 2023. <i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bp, D.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Vera Rogers Intentions. Maria-Anne Altringham.
Wednesday 3 rd May 2023. <i>Feast of Ss Philip & James, App.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Joy Rason Intentions. Maria-Anne Altringham.
Saturday 6 th May 2023. <i>Memorial of St John Payne, Pr, Mr.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Carmel & John Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
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Saturday 6 th May 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 6 th May 2023. <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela Kitchen RIP Ann & Tony Morris.
Sunday 7 th May 2023. <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Pauline Atwell Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 7 th April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Neil O'Leary RIP & Family. Sheila, Roy & Family.