

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

- ❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Brian Madge & Family (Brian Madge)*
- ❖ *Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP (Family).*

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 £260.00 of which £156.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings: £616.18 of which £122.00 was gift aided.

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

John 2:13-25

In the Gospel of John, we are told that Jesus went up to the Temple just before the Jewish Passover. The Jewish people celebrated the Passover in the Temple in remembrance of their liberation by God from slavery in Egypt. At that time, an unblemished lamb or 'Paschal Lamb' would have been offered as a sacrifice and would have been slaughtered in the Temple. Jesus Christ is our Passover. He is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for our sins. His death and Resurrection have liberated us from the slavery to sin.

Jesus drove out the cattle, sheep, and money changers from the Temple. The temple sacrificial system involved the sacrifice of animals, to reconcile the people to God. The death of an animal could never be sufficient to reconcile mankind to God. By driving out the cattle, sheep and money changers from the Temple, Jesus was declaring an end to this practice. The Temple itself would be destroyed by the Romans in AD 73. The Jewish authorities demanded a sign from Jesus to justify His actions. Jesus replied, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up again'. They assumed that he was referring to the Temple, but he was referring to His own body. It is through the death and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we are reconciled to God. It took the death of God in sacrifice to reconcile the world to Himself. Jesus was the sacrificial lamb that was crucified on the Cross for our salvation. There cannot be any Resurrection without the Cross. Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead on the third day. Jesus' cross is the gateway through which we must all pass to receive the life of God intended for us. Although we may struggle to come to terms with the cross, this is the truth of our salvation. As Christians we must embrace the cross in our lives to inherit the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

EASTER SERVICES

Monday 25 th March (With visiting Priests)	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.00 pm.
Thursday 28 th March	Maundy Thursday Mass:	8.00 pm.
Friday 29 th March (Meeting at Christmas Tree Island in town centre.)	Walk of Witness	10.00 am.
Friday 29 th March	The Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm.
Saturday 30 th March	Polish Blessing of the food.	12.00 pm.
Saturday 30 th March	Easter Vigil	8.00 pm.
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Day Mass	8.30 am.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day Mass

10.30 am.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Lent Fast Day was on Friday 16th February 2024.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT PARISH DANCE: Saturday 23rd March 2024 in the Parish Hall. Great entertainment, Ceili Dancing with live music and DJ. By ticket only. £10.00 per head from Eugene Mullin and Pat Murray. Last few tickets left.

SVP TEA & COFFEE MORNING: St Charles Hall on 16th March 2024 10.00am to 2.00pm. Enjoy a hot drink and delicious cakes while supporting a great cause. Free admission.

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: Recruiting 2 adults to support 9 elderly sisters. The role is residential in a 2-bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main house in Colchester. Precise role and salary are dependent on the skills of successful applicants. For further information: crssuk@canonesses.co.uk

BOSCO HELPER APPLICATIONS: Volunteer at the Bosco camp from 27th July – 3rd August and help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply: www.boscocamp.co.uk

AMENDMENT TO REDUCE ABORTION LIMIT TO 22 WEEKS: Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 2 nd March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: The Lee Family Intentions. Harry Killen.
Saturday 2 nd March 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 2 nd March 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 2 nd March 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 2 nd March 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 2 nd March 2024. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Patricia Reeves & Family Intentions. Andrews Family.
Sunday 3 rd March 2024. <i>The Third Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Peter & Laura Finch Intentions. Kathleen Tibbs.
Sunday 3 rd March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Johnny & Rose Killen Intentions. Harry Killen.
Monday 4 th March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Malkew & Family Intentions. Family.
Thursday 7 th February 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Michael & Valerie Palmer Intentions. Catherine.
Friday 8 th March 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley. John Henley.
Friday 8 th March 2024.	7.00 pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 9 th March 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Thomas Killen RIP Tim.
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Saturday 9 th March 2024. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Bill Reay RIP. May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 10 th March 2024. <i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent (B).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John Sullivan RIP Mrs S M Smith.
Sunday 10 th March 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Lindsey Abbachi & Family Intentions. Mary.