

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

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THE RESURRECTION 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 £362.00 of which £312.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £175.10 of which £96.00 was gift aided.

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

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.

POST-EASTER BREAK: Fr Patrick will be taking a short break next week.

JOHN 20: 1-9

Happy Easter, Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the crowning truth of our faith. This is the 'Feast of Feasts'. This is the 'Solemnity of Solemnities.' The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ defeated death, radiates its all-powerful energy throughout time and history.

In the Gospel from John, we are given an account of the visits to the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala, Peter and the other disciples. We are told that until 'this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of Scripture, that He must rise from the dead'. Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of God's New Covenant to Humanity. Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of the Law, the Prophets, and the Old Testament Scriptures. God entered humanity through the Incarnation, and the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and the Son of God, died on a Cross in

reparation for our sins. God gave His Only Son to us in order that we may be reconciled to God and be given the gift of eternal salvation and happiness. Jesus Christ stands at the right-hand of the Father and will come again in glory to judge the world at the end of time. At that time all in Christ, will receive the Resurrection of the Body and eternal life.

We are the children of the Resurrection. We are the people of joy. In the words of Pope Francis, 'we are to radiate the joy of the Resurrection and to bring the light of the Risen Lord to others by spreading happiness, by helping those in pain and by bringing serenity and hope to the world. Happy Easter!

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

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

Saturday 3 rd April EASTER VIGIL	8.00 pm.	PASCHAL VIGIL MASS: The People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th 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 th 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.
Saturday 10 th April Vigil Mass of Second Sunday of Easter (B) (Divine Mercy Sunday)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Tomlin Family – Claire Mary Tomlin.
Sunday 11 th April Second Sunday of Easter (B) (Divine Mercy Sunday)	8.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Family
Sunday 11 th April	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS	MASS: Serena Deady RIP & family intentions. Lee Family.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Easter. Thank you for all your wonderful support. Fr Patrick