

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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: On the instructions of Bishop Alan, and in compliance with Government Guidelines, all Catholic Churches in the Brentwood Diocese are now closed until further notice. Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

SUNDAY GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

On this day, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish His Pascal 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 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.

Sadly, we are not able to celebrate the Church's great liturgies this week in remembrance of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the normal way. In the midst of the fear and anxiety created by the Corona virus crisis, let us not forget the great victory won for us by Our Saviour and Lord – Jesus Christ. Whatever happens in this crisis let us be reassured by the promise of eternal life made possible by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Monday 6th April: Elizabeth Perfect Dec'd

Tuesday 7th April: Charles Kavanagh Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION STANDING ORDER UPDATE: The title of the parish bank account has been amended in order to remove the word 'Montfort'. New standing order or electronic payments may now be set up using the following details: **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. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick

EASTER OFFERING: This is your personal gift to the priest. Those using Gift Aid Envelopes should use the envelope marked 'Easter Offering'.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE PRIEST ONLY:

Saturday 4 th April	9.30 am	MASS: Patrick O'Brien (Eileen & Tom Murphy)
Saturday 4 th April <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday</i>	5.00 pm	MASS: Chris Downes RIP (Pat & Breda Cunningham)
Sunday 5 th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	MASS: Frank McNicholas RIP (Nicola) MASS: Hughes Family & Friends Intentions (Maureen Hughes)

Monday 6 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr Kevin McDevitt Intentions (Catherine O'Donovan)
Tuesday 7 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: St Michael's Convent Community (Esther & Malcom Berry)
Thursday 9 th April <i>Munday Thursday</i>	7.00 pm	MASS: Fr Jim McCormack RIP (Catherine Donovan)
Friday 10 th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00 pm	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday 11 th April <i>The Paschal Vigil</i>	7.30 pm	EASTER VIGIL MASS: People of the Parish.
Sunday 12 th April <i>The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8.30 am. 10.30 am.	MASS: Christina Downes RIP. (Pat & Breda Cunningham) MASS: Michael & Bridget Hand Intentions. (Family)

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