

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Sandra & Pat Family (Pat & Sandra Muray)*

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 £196.00 of which £33.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £441.67 of which £55.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 15:9:17

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The season of Easter commences with the Easter Vigil and extends for a fifty-day period concluding with Pentecost Sunday. During this period, we focus in a special way on the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel from John, we are given the New Commandment by Jesus Christ: 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you'. This is not sentimental love but a calling to sacrificial love or *agape*. It is the love of God, who sent His Only Son into the world to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. It is the love of Jesus Christ, who accepted crucifixion on a cross in obedience to God the Father and out of perfect love for us.

Jesus commands us, 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit that will last'. The fruit that will last is love. St Paul tells us that only love is eternal. When we die, we take only one thing with us from this world to eternity and that is our acts of love. Jesus knows that it is not easy to put the needs of others before us. It is not easy to love in a sacrificial way because there is always a price to pay. This is the cross we are all asked to carry in this life. This is the means of our salvation. We do not, however, carry this cross alone. Jesus is always with us and will support us. In the Holy Mass, He sends us His very self to nourish and feed us on our journey. He feeds us with the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

GIFT AID TAX LETTER: If you require an end of tax year letter for your gift aid contributions, please will you send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org The letter will be emailed to you by return.

2024 GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please take your envelopes from the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please bring any full Red Missio Boxes with you to Mass and give them to a Church Steward. Thank you, Manual and Barbara.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: If you wish to book a place on the Diocese Pilgrimage on Saturday 25th May 2024, please place your name and address, contact telephone number, and £25.00 fee per person (Children go free) into a sealed envelope and give it to a Church Steward. **Closing date Sunday 12th May 2024.** Thank you, Paul Twyford.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR/GUITAR PRACTICE: The next meeting is on Monday 6th May 2024 in the church. Guitar 4.45-5.30pm. Choir 5.30-6.30pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Masses next weekend for World Communications Day.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday 9th May is the Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord. Masses at 9.00am and 7.00pm.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Dympna Daly Dec'd will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 4 th May 2024. <i>National Feast of the English Martyrs.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Marie & Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Saturday 4 th May 2024.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4 th May 2024.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 4 th May 2024.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 4 th May 2024.	12.00 pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 4 th May 2024. Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter (B).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Theresa Madden RIP Angela Cook.
Sunday 5 th May 2024. Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Joan & Paul Williams.
Sunday 5 th May 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Finch Halpin Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Sunday 5 th May 2024.	3.00 pm.	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.
Wednesday 8 th May 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Rosie Hand RIP Mrs Hanna.

Thursday 9 th May 2024. Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord (B).	9.00am.	MASS: Audrey Morgan RIP Tara.
Thursday 9 th May 2024.	2.00 pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Dympna Daly Dec'd.
Thursday 9 th May 2024.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Williams Family Intentions.
Friday 10 th May 2024.	9.00 am.	MASS: John Henley Intentions.
Saturday 11 th May 2024.	9.30 am.	MASS: Rev'd Anthony Spooner RIP Lee Family.
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Saturday 11 th May 2024. Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (B).	6.00 pm.	MASS: Roseleen & Family Intentions. Peter & Norma.
Sunday 12 th May 2024. Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Dec'd Liverpool Hillsborough Disaster. Peter McManamon.
Sunday 12 th May 2024.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Kandiah & Deady Family.