

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.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS: This week:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Martin Family Intentions (Anna Martin)*

Week commencing 14th April 2024:

❖ *Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen Haugh RIP (Eileen Morley)*

❖ *Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Haugh RIP (Eileen Morley)*

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 £434.00 of which £401.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 20: 19-31

This is the Second Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel from John, the disciples were hiding in a locked room in fear from the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you" and showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were full of joy. Jesus then breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained'. The disciples were transformed from disciples to apostles. They were transformed from students of Jesus to ambassadors of Jesus. It was now their role to continue Christ's ministry on earth. Jesus breathed upon them the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit they received the power of the Sacraments. They were given the authority to act in the person of Jesus Christ.

Thomas was not present at the time and refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus returned and spoke to Thomas telling him to "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer". Thomas replied with the wonderful proclamation of faith: "My Lord and my God"! Jesus replied to Thomas and to us: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". This message should fill each of us with joy. We are the ones who have not seen and yet believe. Jesus tells us that we are the happy ones.

Jesus Christ through His death and Resurrection has released an ocean of love and mercy upon the earth. This is the message of Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the message of Easter. Merciful Jesus, I place my trust in you.

THANK YOU: For all the cards, gifts, generous Easter Offerings, and your prayers. Wishing you all the Blessings of the Easter Season. Fr Patrick

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The 2024 envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. Please collect your envelopes. Thank you.

MISSIO SCHOOL VISIT VOLUNTEERS: If somebody is interested in volunteering for Mission Together school visits (which can involve as little as one assembly visit per year) please speak to Fr Patrick or email Claire@missio.org.uk for more information.

MONTHLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP: If you would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood, there will be a talk, time of prayer and some food at Brentwood Cathedral commencing Tuesday 9th April 2024. For further information contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the Parish from Monday 8th April until Friday 19th April 2024. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

MARCH LOTTERY DRAW: The winning numbers are 1st prize number 20 and 2nd prize number 50.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be celebrated in the church on Sunday at 3.00 pm.

FUNERAL: The funeral Mass for Joan Fairey, resident of St Michaels Care Home, will take place on Friday 19th April 2024. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

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| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Marian Lewis Intentions. Barbara. |
| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 11.00 am to 12.00 pm. | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION |
| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. |
| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 11.00 am. | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET. |
| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 12.00 pm. | THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY. |
| Saturday 6 th April 2024. | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Mary & Al Power Intentions. Joe. |
| Sunday 7 th April 2024. | 8.30 am. | MASS: Pat & Sandra Murray Intentions. |
| Sunday 7 th April 2024. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Alison Simon & Family Intentions. Pat Cunningham. |
| Sunday 7 th April 2024. | 3.00 pm. | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET. |

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| Saturday 13 th April 2024. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Fr G M Sorely Intentions. Pat & Sandra. |
| Saturday 13 th April 2024. | 11.00 am to 12.00 pm. | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION |
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| Saturday 13 th April 2024. | 6.00 pm. | MASS: Lizy & Christine Damien Intentions. Lizzy Damien. |
| Sunday 14 th April 2024. | 8.30 am. | MASS: Betty Sewell RIP. Joan McCarthy. |
| Sunday 14 th April 2024. | 10.30 am. | MASS: Rosemary Crooks RIP. Harry. |
| Friday 19 th April 2024. | 2.00 pm. | FUNERAL MASS: Joan Fairey RIP. |