

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: **Please, wherever possible, arrange to make your offerings electronically.** If you are a taxpayer, you can gift aid the amount without any cost to yourself. This saves the work of our volunteer counters, increases our income, and greatly reduces our bank charges. 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:

Electronic Offerings £1509.00 of which £1268.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £435.05 of which £135.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 14:15-21

In the Gospel from John, Jesus told His disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". Jesus gave His disciples and us a new commandment: 'To love one another as I have loved you'. His commandments are to love. This is not a sentimental love but sacrificial love. It is to love somebody who we do not like; it is to lay-down our life for another. We need the presence of Christ and His graces to love in this way. Jesus told His disciples that He would ask the Father to send another Advocate to be with them forever. Jesus is the first Advocate. He is the perfect sacrifice that reconciled humanity to God. He intercedes for us with God the Father. The second Advocate sent from God the Father, through God the Son is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came forth at Pentecost and established the Church. It is through the Church that we are given the Sacraments. The Sacraments are the earthly extension of the body of our Lord. The Sacraments bridge the gap between the Christ of heaven and humanity. The Sacraments are not things but encounters of men and women with Jesus in a visible form. This is true of all the Sacraments but is most especially true of the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: Will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 20th May 2023.

BISHOP ALAN WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU: Do you, or someone you know, no longer go to Mass, or no longer feel that you belong in the Church? Bishop Alan would love to hear your story and listen to your experience. Go to

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts

SOUP KITCHEN: There has been a request for general bedding including pillow slips, sheets, and blankets. If you can help, leave them at the back of the church.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMPS: We have 2 sanctuary lamps constantly burning at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Our Lady of Light Chapel. Each lamp burns for 7 days. It will be possible from the week commencing Sunday 28th May to dedicate a sanctuary lamp to a particular intention or person. If you would like to arrange a dedication for a

particular week, please speak to a Church Steward at the back of the church. The suggested donation is £5.00. The dedications will be announced in the newsletter.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION: Thursday 18th May 2023. This is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 9.00am and 7.00pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Masses next weekend for World Communications Day. This fund is used by the Bishops of England & Wales to communicate the Catholic faith.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 13 th May 2023. <i>Memorial St Erconwald, Bp.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family Intentions.
Saturday 13 th May 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 13 th May 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 13 th May 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 13 th May 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 13 th May 2023. <i>Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudians Intentions Angela Cook.
Sunday 14 th May 2023. <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John Scott RIP Duffy Family.
Sunday 14 th May 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Deady & Kanial Family.
Sunday 14 th May 2023.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Immaculata Elo
Monday 15 th May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Fr Jim RIP Doreen Lane.

Thursday 18 th May 2023. <i>The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Lee Hanna Intentions Theresa & Brian McCarron.
Thursday 18 th May 2023. Holy Day of Obligation.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Johanna Cox RIP Doreen Lane.
Friday 19 th May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Marie Born RIP Peter McManamon.
Saturday 20 th May 2023. <i>Solemnity of Our Lady of Light.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions The Lee Family.
Saturday 20 th May 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 20 th May 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20 th May 2023. <i>Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Aiden Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 20 th May 2023. <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Joe McCarthy RIP Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 20 th May 2023. <i>World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa & Family.