

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

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*FIFTH 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 £ 409.00 of which £376.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £538.48 of which £125.00 was gift aided.

Support Diocesan Seminarians £480.18 of which £49.90 was gift aided.

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

#### JOHN 14:1-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately before His arrest and passion. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the trauma of His execution. He was also preparing them for their personal mission and martyrdom for the Church. This is a strange choice of Gospel for Eastertime – the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must remember, however, that there cannot be any resurrection without the cross. This applied to Jesus, to His apostles and applies also to us.

Jesus tells His disciples, and He tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." Our human life is wonderful and is to be enjoyed, but it is imperfect in this world. However hard we try, we cannot avoid times of disappointment, loss, suffering and grief. We cannot avoid the reality of the ultimate loss of health, and our own death. In times of trouble, we need to remember that we are loved by God. We need to remember that this life is not our only live but is rather a preparation for our eternal life in heaven. Jesus Christ died on the cross to make this possible. Jesus through His perfect sacrifice and resurrection has defeated death.

Jesus reassures the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house. There is a place for each one of us in our Father's house. Those who have gone before us wait for us patiently in heaven.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Last few seats left on the coach. The cost per seat is £25.00. If you would like to come, please write your name, and telephone number on an envelope containing the money for your seats and give it to a Church Steward at the back of the Church. For further information, please email [Paultwyford@btinternet.com](mailto:Paultwyford@btinternet.com) or phone 01255 688213.

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](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.

THE DEACONATE: All are welcome to this event with Bishop Alan, for all those wishing to learn more about the ministry of deacons. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 11.00 am to 2.00 pm at St Anne Line Catholic Church, 7 Grave Crescent, South Woodford, E18 2JR. This may be of particular interest to men considering a vocation to the Deaconate.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Noreen Heaphy Dec'd will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Please pray for the repose of her soul and her grieving family.

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Memorial of St John Payne, Pr, Mr.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Carmel & John Mullin Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Angela Kitchen RIP Ann & Tony Morris.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Pauline Atwell Intentions. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Nell O'Leary Intentions & Family. Sheila, Roy & Family.

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	3.00 pm.	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Adams Family RIP M Fuschillo.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	9.00 am.	MASS: Fr Bernard Caszo RIP Lee Family.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Memorial of St John Houghton, Pr, M.</i>	9.00 am.	MASS: Fuschillo Family RIP P J Fuschillo.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	12.30 pm.	REQUIEM MASS: Noreen Heaphy RIP.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Memorial St Erconwald, Bp.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family Intentions.
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Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John Scott RIP Duffy Family.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Deady & Kanial Family.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	2.00 pm.	BAPTISM: Immaculata Elo