

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

Vocations Sunday

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.

COVID 19 GUIDELINES: The wearing of face masks is suggested in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please, where possible, make offerings electronically: **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. Via the donation button on the website.** 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 £412.50 of which £308.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £688.70 of which £133.00 was gift aided.

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

JOHN 10:27-30

This is Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday. Each of us has a personal vocation. In the words of Blessed Henry Newman, 'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission'.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us: 'The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost, and no one will ever steal them from me'.

At the time of our baptism, Jesus placed an indelible seal upon our very souls. Jesus Christ placed His mark of ownership upon us. From that moment we belong to Jesus Christ. Wherever we go or whatever we do in our lives, Jesus Christ will never turn His back on us. As the Good Shepherd, He is always watching after us and calling us to Himself. We may reject Him, but He will never reject us. It is in that calling of Jesus Christ, that we discover the person He wants us to be in this life. He calls us to our personal vocation. Jesus Christ never forces His will on us but calls us through His gentle invitation. He always respects our free will. We all have a personal vocation in this life, for some this may be to become a Father or Mother, to others it may be to live for God in the single life or in the religious life. We should all seek God's will in our lives, through prayer, through reading Holy Scripture and reception of the Sacraments, most especially the Holy Eucharist.

For some, God calls them to be shepherds for His flock. A priest is called to serve God and to give pastoral care and leadership to a particular community. The Church needs priests. Without priests, there cannot be any Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of the Sick or the Holy Eucharist. There cannot be a Mass. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood from this community. Pray that those called to be Shepherds of God's people will have the courage, generosity, and love to serve God and others in this special ministry.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINIUM JUBILIEE GARDEN PARTY: You are invited by the SVP to join the celebration in the Presbytery Garden on Monday 6th June 2pm to 4pm. £10 tickets available after all Sunday Masses – includes buffet lunch, raffle, bingo, and a glass of bubbly.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection after every Sunday Mass this weekend in support of the promotion of vocations.

PARISH CHOIR: We have a wonderful choir in our Parish who are appealing for new members. Please let Fr Patrick know if you can help.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: A coach has been booked for Saturday 28th May 2022. To book your seat on the coach, please put your name and contact number on an envelope containing the coach fee of £20.00 per seat, and give it to a Church Steward at Mass. Bookings will be on a first come, first serve basis. The closing date for bookings will be Sunday 8th May.

COLUMBAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL: Fr Pat O’Beirne will be speaking at all Sunday Masses over the weekend 14th / 15th May and will make an appeal for the work of the Columban Fathers.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE 2022 EVENTS: Please see www.bcys.net/events for information.

THE PASSAGE CENTRE: Catholic charity working for the homeless. Matching funds appeal until 12.00 noon on Monday 9th May. Visit <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22>

FR PATRICK: will be on annual leave from Monday 9th May until Thursday 19th May 2022.

THIS WEEK’S SERVICES.

Saturday 7 th May 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Jeannie, John, Andrew & Martin Bradshaw Parish.
Saturday 7 th May 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 7 th May 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 7 th May 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSSARY
Saturday 7 th May 2022. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Peter Allen RIP Cooper & Gregory Family.

Sunday 8 th May 2022. <i>Fourth of Easter (C).</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Julie Fitzgerald Intentions Parish.
Sunday 8 th May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Christine Green RIP Lee Family.
Saturday 14 th May 2022. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: John & Carmel Mullin Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 15 th May 2022. <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (C).</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Fr Jim RIP D Lane.
Sunday 15 th May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Luke Murphy Intentions James Murphy.
Friday 20 th May 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Marie Claire Watts Intentions.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Johanna Cox RIP D Lane.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 21 st May 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSSARY
Saturday 21 st May 2022. <i>Vigil of the Sixth Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Mary Peace Intentions Janet Newton.
Sunday 22 nd May 2022. <i>Sixth of Easter (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Rajesh Karren RIP Tara & Terrence.
Sunday 22 nd May 2022.	10.30 am.	MASS: Peace in Ukraine & War Victims. Lee Family.