

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth

National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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SECOND 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 £1444.00 of which £1208.00 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

In the Gospel from John, we are given an account of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples. It was the evening of Sunday. Jesus came and stood among the disciples. His words were, "Peace be with you". Jesus replaces all our fears with the joy of the peace of His presence. He showed the disciples His hands and side as evidence of His crucifixion and death.

Jesus commands His disciples and us with the words, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you". His ministry on earth is to continue through His disciples. This includes all baptised Christians. To be a Christian is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. He then instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders by breathing on the disciples, with the command, "Received the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Jesus is the source of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit; we are given the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following Jesus' death and resurrection; there is no sin that cannot be forgiven with true repentance. A great ocean of love and mercy has been released through the perfect sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We finish with the witness of Thomas, who declared to Jesus, "My Lord and my God". Jesus speaks of those you believe but who have not seen His physical resurrection. Jesus speaks these words of encouragement to us. We are the generation of faith. Our faith gives us the hope in a God who loves us, and the certainty of the gift of eternal life.

THANK YOU: For your generous Easter offerings, cards, presents and all your prayers. Fr Patrick.

PAX CHRISTI: I have received a letter thanking the parish for the donation of £207.29 for Peace Sunday.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Are available for collection at the back of the Church for the new tax year, together with second collection boxes. You need to record your own number on the second collection envelopes.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: There are still some places 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 or phone 01255 688213.

CORONATION TEA PARTY: 8th May 2023 between 2.00 and 5.00 pm with music and bingo raffle. Prize for the best crown. Tickets £10.00. All proceeds to the SVP. We need prizes for the raffle. Please leave donations in the box at the back of the Church. Contact Linda Swinbourne on 07799104874 for further information.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from the Parish from Monday 17th April 2023 until Friday 28th April 2023. Fr Gerald Gostling will be providing cover in his absence.

FUNERAL OF REV BERNARD CASZO DEC'D: Will be taking place in the church on Monday 17th April 2023 at 10.00 am. Fr Bernard was the chaplain at St Michael's Convent for several years. The Mercy Sisters (The Union) would like to extend an invitation to the parish to attend his funeral.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: See www.bcys.net/events for latest events.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 15 th April 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Bishop David O'Connell RIP. Andrews Family.
Saturday 15 th April 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 15 th April 2023.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 15 th April 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 15 th April 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 15 th April 2023. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Billy Reay RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.

Sunday 16 th April 2023. <i>The Second Sunday of Easter (A). Divine Mercy Sunday.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: John & Carmel Mullins Intentions Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 16 th April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Ann & George Intentions.
Monday 17 th April 2023.	10.00 am.	REQUIEM MASS: Fr Bernard Caszo Dec'd.
Saturday 22 nd April 2023.	9.30 am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 22 nd April 2023.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
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Saturday 22 nd April 2023.	11.00 am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 22 nd April 2023.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22 nd April 2023. <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Gordon Cook Intentions. Angela Cook, Anthony & Carolina.
Sunday 23 rd April 2023. <i>Third Sunday of Easter (A).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Paul & Joan Williams
Sunday 23 rd April 2023.	10.30 am.	MASS: Mary Rodahan RIP Brenda Hertily.