

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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Please review the Parish Website for the latest updates: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

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. This is a popular Gospel reading at requiem Masses and funerals. The words of this Gospel provide consolation to those grieving for the loss of loved ones.

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 life 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. Thomas asked Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way"? Jesus responded, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me". Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the Word through which everything in the Cosmos was created including us. He is God incarnate through the action of the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus constantly intercedes for us before God the Father. He is the means of our salvation and the only way to the Father.

Philip asked Jesus, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied". Jesus reassured Philip. "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". Jesus and the Father are one in the Holy Trinity. God the Father lives in God the Son and God the Son lives in God the Father. Jesus tells the apostles and us, that those who believe in Him can perform His works and even greater works because He was going to the Father. It is through the action of the Holy Spirit, which came forth and created the Church at Pentecost that we as believers in Jesus Christ can achieve great things in His name. It is through the action of the Holy Spirit that we receive Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Wednesday 13th May: Anthony Cummings Dec'd

Friday 15th May: Pearl Clark Dec'd

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for the support of their grieving families.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS

Offerings can be made by standing order or electronic payments using the following details: **Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea, Sort Code 401322, Account Number: 41020463** or by debit card using the donation button on our website. Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and gift aid number in the Reference. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

THE FOLLOWING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY THE PRIEST ONLY:

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| Saturday 9 th May | 9.30 am. | MASS: Fr Jim RIP. (D. Lane) |
| Sunday 10 th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)</i> | 10.30 am. | MASS: Johanna Cox RIP. (D. Lane) |
| Monday 11 th May <i>Memorial Blessed John Rochester, Pr, M.</i> | 9.30 am. | MASS: Glenice Tickle RIP. (Mary) |
| Tuesday 12 th May <i>Memorial St John. Houghton, Pr, M</i> | 9.30 am. | MASS: Purcell Family Intentions. (Mary) |
| Friday 15 th May. | 9.30 am. | MASS: Persecuted Underground Church in China. (Mary) |
| Saturday 16 th May | 9.30 am. | MASS: Philip & Jan Price Thanksgiving. |
| Sunday 17 th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)</i> | 10.30 am. | MASS: Fr Jim McCormack RIP. (Mary) |

Daily Offering

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 forever more. Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us. Amen