

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.

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

John 14:15-21

In this Gospel from John, Jesus was speaking to the apostles immediately before His arrest and passion. He wanted to reassure them that He was not going to leave them as orphans. Jesus was about to complete His mission. They each had a personal mission to complete, and would not be left without His presence and support. 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.

When Jesus was physically present on earth, He taught and led His disciples; He healed the souls, hearts and bodies of all who met Him; He showed great love to all. In His ultimate gift of love, He died on a Cross for our sins and the sins of the world. He defeated death and sin. 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 is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He intercedes for us with God the Father. The second Advocate sent from God the Father, through God the Son is God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came forth at Pentecost and established the Church. The Holy Spirit is with the Church until the end of time. The Holy Spirit is the great teacher and witness to Jesus in the world. The Holy Spirit represents the continued presence on earth of Jesus Christ – who has returned to the Father.

We are all members of the Church. At our baptism, we became temples of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in all the faithful. The Risen Christ is with us always through the action of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave us 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 - where we received the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are not left as orphans. We know Jesus because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. He feeds and nourishes us with His Sacraments. We each have a mission in life. That mission is to 'love one another as I have loved you'.

FUNERALS: The following funerals are taking place next week:

Monday 18th May: Terence Batman Dec'd

Friday 22nd May: Philomena Mansfield 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:

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)
Monday 18 th May	9.30 am.	MASS: William Cox RIP & Family (Paul Clark)
Thursday 21 st May <i>The Ascension of The Lord. Solemnity</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Harry & Tina Killen Intentions
Friday 22 nd May.	9.30 am.	MASS: Paul Twyford Intentions.
Saturday 23 rd May	9.30 am.	MASS: All Parishioners - Protection from Covid 19 (Tim & Catherine O'Donovan)
Sunday 24 th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A). World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Eileen & Tim RIP (Tim & Catherine O'Donovan)

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