

**Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

*World Communications Day*

*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 17:1-11**

This Sunday's Gospel is from what is called 'The Priestly Prayer of Christ'. This prayer was said by Jesus in the presence of His disciples, immediately before His arrest and execution. Jesus was fully aware of the death that He was about to endure on Good Friday. Jesus intercedes for His disciples and for all who would follow Him in the Christian faith.

Jesus prays, "Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you". The glory that Jesus was referring to was His crucifixion. Jesus was to be glorified in a death reserved for the worst criminal. He was to be glorified in pain, suffering, humiliation, abandonment, and loneliness. It is beyond our comprehension, that the Lord and God of the universe should consent to such a death.

God's love for us is beyond our comprehension. St Paul in 1 Corinthians said, 'The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save'.

Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant. He is the perfect High Priest who sits at the right-hand of the throne of the divine Majesty in heaven. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us, 'He has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with Him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but His own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us'. He is 'the Lamb of God, who takes our sins away'. Through His perfect sacrifice on Calvary, Jesus has paid the price for all sin. He has defeated sin and Death. The gates of Paradise were closed through the sin of Adam and Eve. The gates of Paradise are now opened through the perfect obedience of Jesus and His Mother Mary. Jesus Christ is the First Advocate for humanity. He never ceases to intercede for us before His Father in heaven. His Passion took place historically on earth. The healing effect of His Passion continues both on earth and in heaven for eternity. This is the New Covenant.

His death on Calvary released an ocean of love and mercy. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven through His sacrifice. We simply have to

approach Our Lord Jesus Christ in humility and repentance to receive His healing love. We simply must approach the foot of the Cross on our knees. There cannot be any Resurrection without the Cross. As Christians we follow Jesus to the Cross in the knowledge that we also follow Him to the Resurrection.

FUNERALS: The following funeral is taking place next week:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Patrick Humphreys Dec'd.

Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the support of his grieving family.

PARISH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY: I would like to invite every parishioner to say 'The Daily Offering' at the foot of this Newsletter, together with a Decade of the Rosary at 3.00 pm on Saturday to celebrate our spiritual inheritance and to petition Our Lady of Light for the ending for the COVID19 pandemic.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ROSARY RALLY RELAY: You are invited to join Bishop Alan in praying the Rosary at 11.00. The Bishop's prayers will be live streamed on: <http://wickfordcatholic.com/live-streaming/> This is a national prayer initiative.

#### 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.30 am.	MASS: All Parishioners - Protection from Covid 19 (Tim & Catherine O'Donovan)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A). World Communications Day</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Eileen & Tim RIP (Tim & Catherine O'Donovan)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, BP. National Feast</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Matthew Clarke Intentions. (Paul Clarke)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am.	MASS: Annie Wigfall Dec'd (Sylvia Gaskin)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am.	MASS: Marie Claire Watts Dec'd
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Parish Feast of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit</i>	9.30 am.  3.00 pm.	MASS: Peter Gamble RIP (D Lane) Daily Offering and Decade of the Rosary.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Pentecost Sunday (A). Day of Prayer for the Church.</i>	10.30 am.	MASS: Peter & Mary Tomlin Intentions. (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*