

## **Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**

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

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### **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (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/>

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS

Offerings can be placed in one of the orange buckets, but I would request wherever possible, all offerings are made electronically by standing order or via the donation button on the website. This will reduce the level of risk to our collection counters and those who will need to visit the bank. The 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. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS: Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. I would, therefore, ask that those who are able to attend Mass in the week to refrain from attending Mass at the weekends to allow others the opportunity. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Fr Patrick.

BAPTISM COURSE: I will be shortly running a Baptism Course by Zoom. Please introduce yourself at Mass if you wish to attend. It will not be possible to book a Baptism until you have completed the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020/21: We will be commencing the new programme by Zoom in September. Please introduce yourself and your child to me at Mass if you wish to join the programme.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: The Saturday night vigil Mass will be restored to 6.00 pm with effect from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The change is being made to allow parishioners working at the weekend the opportunity to attend Sunday Mass.

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catechism tells us that: 'The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all the members of His body'.

Mary's Assumption is not a privilege retained only for her. We are all called to share in her assumption. As we commemorate her solemnity, we live in the hope of the anticipation of our bodies rising to eternal life. So, it is a feast of hope for all of us. We live in the hope of the resurrection of our bodies and the eternal happiness of our unity with God. In so many ways, The Blessed Virgin Mary shows us the way to follow and assists us in our journey.

Mary shows us what it is to be perfectly human. Mary achieved this perfection through her total obedience and loyalty to God. Mary shows us that a human being can do God's will. She does it in a perfect way but does it in a completely human way. From the moment of her yes at the Annunciation to the standing at the foot of the Cross, Mary was completely loyal to her Son. She did not say no. She did not run away as the other disciples did during Christ's passion. For this reason, she is acknowledged as the perfect disciple and follower of Christ.

Mary's role is central to the salvation of humanity. The incarnation of God into humanity for the salvation and reconciliation of all was achieved through the Virgin Mary. Mary gave Jesus His humanity. Jesus became fully human through Mary. Mary made all this possible through her yes to God.

We give devotion to Mary as the Mother of God. Mary is a teacher of faith through her focus and dedication to her Son. Mary always leads us to Jesus and points to Him. Mary is the Mother of the Church and continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on our behalf. Mary will always listen to our prayers and constantly intercedes with her Son on our behalf. We should never have any hesitation in asking for her help in our lives. In the words of Pope

Francis: ‘when the Church goes looking for Jesus, she knocks on the door of Mary and asks – where is your Son’? It is from Mary that the Church learns true discipleship. When the Church goes on mission, she always walks in the footsteps of Mary.

Through the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary we are given a vision of our eternal destination. We too will ascend into heaven with our resurrected bodies. This Solemnity is not just a celebration of the completion of the eternal destination of Mary. It is a celebration of the promises made to us through the death and resurrection of her Son – Jesus Christ.

**MASSES WILL BE OPEN TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH**

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am.	MASS: Angela & Anthony Cook Intentions. (The Parish)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00 am to 12.00 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (In the presbytery garden)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Annie Spike Dec’d (Jimmy & Christina Deegan))
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August <i>The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Pat & Des McGuire Intentions. (Laura Saint Marie)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am.	MASS: Joseph Vincatassion Dec’d. (Laura Sainte Marie)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	3.00 pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am.	MASS: Maureen Haugh Dec’d (Eileen Morley)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 am.	MASS: Danny Brady Intentions (Brenda & Alan)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Memorial of St Pius X, P</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Herlihy Family Dec’d (Brenda Herlihy)

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Memorial of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.30 am.	MASS: Thomas Keogh Intentions (Brenda & Alan)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	11.00 am to 12 noon.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In the presbytery garden.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	5.00 pm.	MASS: Annie Spike Dec'd (T & C)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August <i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Marie Born Intentions (The Parish)
Sunday 23 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am	MASS: John Hume Dec'd (Derry)

***Daily Offering***

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