

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth
National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

World Day for Prayer for Vocations.

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.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: Communal worship continues to be a permitted event. The Church is open for the celebration of Mass and Private Prayer. Please follow the instructions of the Church Stewards and allow plenty of time before Mass starts to sanitize your hands and complete registration. Face Masks are mandatory. Attendance at Mass is restricted to 50 people. People who can attend Mass during the week should, therefore, allow others to attend at the weekend.

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. Funds received last week:

Electronic Offerings £435.00 of which £237.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £550.09 of which £365.00 was gift aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the parish. Fr Patrick.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS: The black buckets will be out all next week. You can give on-line with the reference 'Vocations'.

JOHN 10:11-18

In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us: 'I am the Good Shepherd: The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep'. Jesus laid down His life and gave Himself up to death on a cross for His sheep. Jesus tells us: 'I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father'. Jesus invites us to a knowledge and love of Him that reflects the love of the Blessed Trinity: a reflection of the love between Jesus and His Father in the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us: 'there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well'. God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ is to the whole of humanity, regardless of race, gender, or creed. Jesus excludes nobody from the redeeming sacrifice of His love through His death on the cross. Jesus tells us that He has laid down His life 'of my own free will'. Jesus' death is the living proof that 'the greatest love a person can show is to give one's life for one's friend'. This is the proof that Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd.

This Sunday is called 'Vocation Sunday'. We all have a personal vocation in this life, for some this may be a father or a mother, to others it may be to live for God in the single life. We should all seek God's will in our lives, through prayer, through reading Holy Scripture, through the reception of the Sacraments, and most especially the Holy Eucharist. For some, God calls them to be shepherds for His flock. A priest is called to serve God and to give pastoral care and leadership to a community. The Church needs priests. A vibrant and committed Christian community should produce its own vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood from this community. Pray that those called will have the courage and love to serve God and others in this special ministry.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Tina Killen will take place on Friday 30th April. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for Harry and their family.

PARISH HALL DEEP CLEAN: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are leading a mini retreat for the young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost. The retreat cannot go ahead unless the parish hall has received a deep clean. I am appealing for volunteers to complete the deep clean on Saturday 1st May at 12.00. Please meet in the hall. I will provide the cleaning materials. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

PARISH REGISTRATIONS: The current record of parishioners is out of date. I would, therefore, ask that all parishioners complete and return a Parish Registration Form. The forms are available at the back of the church and can also be downloaded from our website: <https://ourladyoflight.uk/>

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

Saturday 24 th April Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus, Bp.	9.30 am.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Nicola
Saturday 24 th April	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 24 th April	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 24 th April Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Ray Williams RIP Joan & Paul Williams
Sunday 25 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Vocations Sunday	8.30 am.	MASS: Jenny Cotter RIP Caroline, James & Lisa Cotter
Sunday 25 th April	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Catherine Murphy Intentions James Murphy
Monday 26 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: John Christy Intentions Nicola.

Monday 26 th April	10.00 am	ROSARY: For the intention of the petitions received at Our Lady of Light Shrine.
Tuesday 27 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: Pamela May RIP Thomas.
Friday 30 th April	9.30 am.	MASS: Theresa Fox RIP Theresa Poole & Family.
Friday 30 th April	11.15 am. Attendance by invitation only.	FUNERAL: Tina Killen RIP
Saturday 1 st May. Memorial of St Joseph the Worker.	9.30 am.	MASS: Christine Richards RIP Theresa McCarron.
Saturday 1 st May.	11.00 am to 12.00 am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy. Please tell the Steward that you wish to go to confession.
Saturday 1 st May.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 1 st May. Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Oliver Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 2 nd May. Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) Vocations Sunday	8.30 am.	MASS: Marie Reynolds Intentions Catherine.
Sunday 2 nd May	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Frank McNicholas RIP Nicola.