

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 (B)

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: 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 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 £393.00 of which £290.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £194.47 of which £103.00 was gift aided.

Second collection for Vocation Sunday: £245.98 (£84.00 was gift aided)

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

JOHN 15:9-17

Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The season of Easter commences with the Easter Vigil and extends for a fifty-day period concluding with Pentecost Sunday: the birth of the Church. During this period, we focus in a special way on the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel from John, we are given the New Commandment by Jesus Christ: 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you'. This is not a sentimental love but a calling to sacrificial love or *agape*. It is the love of God, who sent His Only Son into the world to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. It is the love of Jesus Christ, who accepted crucifixion on a cross in obedience to God the Father and out of perfect love for us. Jesus commands us, 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit that will last'. The fruit that will last is love. St Paul tells us that only love is eternal. When we die, we take only one thing with us from this world to eternity and that is our acts of love. Jesus knows that it is not easy to put the needs of others before ourselves. It is not easily to love in a sacrificial way because there is always a price to pay. This is the cross we are all asked to carry in this life. This is the means of our salvation. We do not, however, carry this cross alone. Jesus is always with us and will support us. In the Holy Mass, Jesus sends us His very self to nourish and feed us on our journey. He feeds us with the gift of sacrificial love: The Holy Eucharist -The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

MARATHON OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has requested that the Holy Rosary be said at all the Marian Shrines of the world, and by members of the Church for the intercession of Our Lady for the ending of the pandemic. In response to the Holy Fathers appeal, the Rosary will be said in the church each Monday immediately following the 9.30 am Mass and at 12.00 am each Saturday during private prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the month of May.

MASS FRIDAY 14th MAY: Please note that the Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 8.45 am due to a funeral.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Dympna Coffey will take place on Friday 14th May. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family who are grieving for their loss.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for World Communications Day next weekend 15th & 16th May. You can give On-line or in the black buckets.

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

Saturday 8 th May.	9.30 am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Cooper Family.
Saturday 8 th 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 8 th May	12.00 am.	HOLY ROSARY For the ending of the COVID-19 Pandemic
Saturday 8 th May.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 8 th May. Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Margaret Egan RIP Michael Collins.
Sunday 9 th May. Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30 am.	MASS: Eddie & Josie Corrigan Intentions Pat & Des McGuire.
Sunday 9 th May	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa McCarron
Sunday 9 th May	3.00 pm.	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.
Monday 10 th May	9.30 am.	MASS: Fr Owen O'Neill Intentions Brian, Barbara & Family

Monday 10 th May	10.00 am.	HOLY ROSARY For the ending of the COVID-19 Pandemic
Thursday 13 th May Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord.	9.30 am.	MASS: Joe Bryne Intentions Theresa McCarron
Thursday 13 th May Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord.	7.00 pm.	MASS: Tina Killen RIP Tim Freyne
Friday 14 th May	8.45 am.	MASS: Tim O'Donovan RIP Tim Freyne
Saturday 15 th May. Feast of Our Lady of Light Spouse of the Holy Spirit.	9.30 am.	MASS: Deady Family Intentions Cooper Family
Saturday 15 th 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.
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Saturday 15 th May. Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)	6.00 pm.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP Theresa McCarron
Sunday 16 th May. Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) <i>World Communication Day</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Jimmy Cotter RIP Caroline, James & Lisa
Sunday 16 th May	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS Please note that this Mass is exclusively for families with young children.	MASS: Chrisolita & Julia Intentions Lee Family