

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

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PASSION SUNDAY (C)

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 GUIDELINES: The wearing of face masks is suggested in crowded, enclosed spaces. You should continue to protect yourself and others.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please, where possible, make offerings electronically: **1. Standing order; 2. Using the Smart Bar Codes at the Church exit doors; or 3. Via the donation button on the website.** The parish 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 £1,159.00 of which £919.00 was gift aided.

Collection Offerings £615.00 of which £151.10 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 22: 14-23:56

In the Gospel from Luke, we are given his account of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the commencement of Holy Week. This is the week in which we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ from His Passion and death, to the glory of His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. We by His grace are partakers of the Cross, in order that we may also have a share in His Resurrection and in His life. Though innocent, Jesus suffered willingly for our sins. His death has washed away our sins and His Resurrection has purchased us eternal life.

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, entered humanity through the action of the Holy Spirit and the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary to pay the price for our sins. This was His Mission. He came to do the will of the Father. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins for the world.

We are told by scriptural scholars, that in ancient times, the palm leaf was seen as a symbol of victory and were often displayed in great celebrations of success over the enemy. The early Christians adopted the sign of the palm leaf to represent the victory won by Christ over the evils of sin and death. This is why the early martyrs were said to have received the palm of martyrdom.

We are all called to celebrate the Church's great liturgies this Holy Week in remembrance of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Let us not forget the great victory won for us by Our Saviour and Lord – Jesus Christ. The same Jesus Christ we receive in the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES: There will be a collection for the Holy Places at the Friday Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of the Lord service. You may give on the day or electronically quoting 'Friday'.

10.30 MASS COFFEE CLUB: Please may I have volunteers to re-establish the coffee club after the Sunday 10.30 am Mass. Let Fr Patrick know if you can help.

SOUP KITCHEN: The 8.30am Sunday Coffee Club have raised £243.72 for the Soup Kitchen. Well done.

WEBSITE TO HELP UKRAINE: CARITAS has a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help – through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies, and clothing. All the information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine

PRAYING THE HOURS: Three short videos are now available on www.whatgoodnews.org introducing The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office. Simply go to the website, scroll down on the home page, and click on 'Praying the Hours'.

BRENTWOOD YOUTH SERVICE 2022 EVENTS: Please see www.bcys.net/events for information.

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES.

Saturday 9 th April 2022.	9.30 am.	MASS: Anne Hyde & Family Intentions Parish.
Saturday 9 th April 2022.	11.00 am to 12.00 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard in the Sacristy.
Saturday 9 th 2022.	11.00 am to 1.00 pm.	Church is open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Saturday 9 th April 2022.	12.00 pm.	THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 9 th April 2022. <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. (C).</i>	6.00 pm.	MASS: Joe Byrne RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.
Sunday 10 th April 2022 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Robert Amstead RIP Ann.
Sunday 10 th April 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Marie Born & Family Intentions. Parish.
Monday 11 th April 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Richard Madge Intentions Brian Madge.

Monday 11 th April 2022.	7.00 pm.	RECONCILIATION SERVICE with visiting priests.
Tuesday 12 th April 2022.	9.00 am.	MASS: Dolores Killen Intentions Mum.
Thursday 14 th April 2022.	7.00 pm.	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Barbara Mason RIP Teresa Coyne.
Friday 15 th April 2022.	10.00 am.	CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE OF WITNESS. At Christmas Tree Island.
Friday 15 th April 2022.	3.00 pm.	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.
Saturday 16 th April 2022.	8.00 pm.	EASTER VIGIL MASS. The People of the Parish.
Sunday 17 th April 2022 <i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of The Lord. (C).</i>	8.30 am.	MASS: Jose Ramaekers-Rigo RIP Parish.
Sunday 17 th 2022.	10.30 am. FAMILY MASS.	MASS: Pat Hughes RIP May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline.