

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

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<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i>		<i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i> <i>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.</i>
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 17th May 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Danny Fitzgerald RIP - Julie

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION / DONATIONS: Please make your weekly offerings by standing order. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid the amount without any cost to yourself - simply send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org

Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings 2207.00 of which £2069.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £775.11 of which £127.00 was gift aided.
- Vocations Collection: £394.11 of which £39.00 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. The parish bank details are available on request. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

John 14:15-21 In the Gospel from John, Jesus told His disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments". Jesus gave His disciples and us a new commandment: 'To love one another as I have loved you'. His commandments are to love. This is not a sentimental love but sacrificial love. It is to love somebody who we do not like; it is to lay-down our life for another. We need the presence of Christ and His graces to love in this way. Jesus told His disciples that He would ask the Father to send another Advocate to be with them forever. Jesus is the first Advocate. He is the perfect sacrifice that reconciles humanity to God. He intercedes for us with God the Father. The second Advocate sent from God the Father, through God the Son is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came forth at Pentecost and established the Church. It is through the Church that we are given the Sacraments. The Sacraments are the earthly extension of the body of our Lord. The Sacraments bridge the gap between the Christ of heaven and humanity. The Sacraments are not things but encounters of men and women with Jesus in a visible form. This is true of all the Sacraments but is most especially true of the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT - 16TH MAY 2026:

- Walking procession on the sea-front commencing from the Martello Tower F on the corner of Tower Road at 10.00am.
- Bishop Alan presides at Mass at 11.00am, with priests from the Deanery.
- Bring flowers to place on the Shrine.
- Reception in the parish hall following Mass.

Can you help with the following:

- Hand made cakes
- Fresh home made sandwiches
- Any food for the reception.
- Any fresh flowers

The hall will be open from 8.00am on 16th May for food donations. Please update Julie Fitzgerald on 07516579745

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 23rd May 2026. £30.00 per seat. To reserve seats on the coach, please put the money in a sealed envelope and write your name and telephone number on the outside with the number of seats requested. The envelope should be placed in the

secure black drop box in the sacristy. Meet in the car park at 7.45am with departure at 8.00am. Bring packed lunch and drinks as there are limited facilities in Walsingham. Full information available from Paul Twyford 07970619053.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will take place at the Sunday 10.30am Mass. The children will leave the Mass at the Penitential Rite and return at the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The child may be accompanied by a parent or carer. Please give this initiative your support.

STREET EVANGELISM: On Saturdays. Please message Kathy 07386718964 or Richard 07821813094 to join our WhatsApp group.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please bring in your Missio Boxes for counting.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: The Solemnity of the Ascension is on Thursday 14th May 2026. There are Masses at 9.00 and 7.00pm.

BRASS CLEANING: Volunteers needed immediately after the 9.00am on Thursday 14th May to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Light.

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from John Deighan, Chief Executive of the SPUC, thanking the parish for the donation of £610.65.

SVP/KNIGHTS QUIZ NIGHT: We raised £454.00 and everybody enjoyed a fun evening. Thank you for your support.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Sunday Masses on the weekend 16th/17th May 2026 for 'World Communication Day'.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 9th May 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Marie Anne Altringham.
Saturday 9th May 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 9th May 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 9th May 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 9th May 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 9th May 2026. <i>Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Michael Dyra Intentions. Irene Dyra & Kate Corpus.
Sunday 10th May 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Ann & Dan

<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter A.</i>		Jones Intentions.
Sunday 10th May 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Brian Edwin Coe RIP. F E Coe.
Monday 11th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Joe Flanagan RIP. Leontia Flanagan.
Tuesday 12th May 2026. <i>St John Houghton, Pr M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Anthony Gipson's Intentions. Anthony.
Wednesday 13th May 2026. <i>St Erconwald, Bp.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: David Arthur Laurence RIP. Tara.
Thursday 14th May 2026. <i>The Ascension of The Lord.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Sinead McDermott & Hal Moran Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Thursday 14th May 2026. <i>The Ascension of The Lord.</i>	7.00pm.	MASS: Beloved Family Members Intentions. Janet Healey.
Friday 15th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Lee Family Intentions.
Saturday 16th May 2026. <i>Feast Day of Our Lady of Light.</i>	10.00am	PROCESSION: Commences Martello Tower 'F'.
Saturday 16th May 2026. <i>Feast Day of Our Lady of Light.</i>	11.00am.	MASS: The People of the Parish.
Saturday 16th May 2026. <i>Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Louis Holtz RIP. Marie-Anne Altringham.
Sunday 17th May 2026. <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Daison & Mini 25th Wedding Anniversary. Daison & Family.
Sunday 17th May 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP. Kandiah & Deady Family.