

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth
National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit
Sacred Place of Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year 2025

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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></p>
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Vocations Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 18th May 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff RIP - Jo Medlano

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Tom & Bernadette McManaman Intentions - Peter

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

The parish bank details are:

Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea

Sort Code 401322 Account Number: 41020463. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £1639.00 of which £1558.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £794.64 of which £82.00 was gift aided.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

John 10:27-30 This is Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday. Each of us has a personal vocation. In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us: 'The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me'. At the time of our baptism, Jesus placed an indelible seal upon our very souls. Jesus Christ placed His mark of ownership upon us. From that moment we belong to Him. Wherever we go or whatever we do in our lives, Jesus Christ will never turn His back on us. As the Good Shepherd, He is always watching after us and calling us to Himself. We may reject Him but He will never reject us. It is in that calling of Jesus Christ, that we discover the person He wants us to be in this life. He calls us to our personal vocation. Jesus Christ never forces His will on us but calls us through His gentle invitation. He always respects our free will. We all have a personal vocation in this life, for some this may be to become a Father or Mother, for others it may be to live for God in the single life or in the religious life. For some, God calls them to be shepherds of His flock. We should all seek God's will in our lives, through prayer, through reading Holy Scripture and reception of the Sacraments, most especially the Holy Eucharist. The Old Testament tells us that the greatest wisdom in this life is to know and to live God's will for us in our lives. We will never find complete peace or joy in our lives until we discover and live our personal vocation.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Bishop Alan Williams will be celebrating Holy Mass in celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am. This is a very special event for the Parish.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: Please may I have volunteers to prepare and run the reception in the hall following the Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31st May 2025. There will be a meeting with all volunteers in the Parish Hall at 11.30am on Sunday 11th May, immediately following the 10.30 Mass. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 24th May 2025. If you would like to come please put your name and telephone number in an envelope marked "Walsingham" with £25 per ticket required and give it to the one of Church Stewards at Mass. For any further details please contact Paul Twyford 01255 688213 or 07970619053. No charge for accompanied children. Closing date for booking: 11th May 2025.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend to support the cost of training students for the priesthood in our Diocese.

BINGO & RAFFLE: Immediately after the Sunday 10.30 Mass on 25th May 2025. £3 per game or two games for £5.00. Funds being raised to assist two young people in our parish to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July as helpers to the sick. If you are unable to attend and wish to make a contribution, please put the money in an envelope marked 'Lourdes' and place it in the collection.

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from Px Christi thanking the parish for the donation of £54.10.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution.

www.retrovaille.org.uk 07973380443.

STUDY DAY: 700th anniversary of the Nicæan Creed. Dr Ken Carleton, doctorate in Church History, will lead the day. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 10th May 2025. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.	9.30am.	MASS: First Holy Communion Children.
Saturday 10th May 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 10th May 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 10th May 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 10th May 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 10th May 2025. <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Liam Doherty RIP. Sr Penny.
Sunday 11th May 2025. Fourth Sunday of Easter (C).	8.30am.	MASS: Breda Mitchell Intentions. Joan McCarthy.
Saturday 11th May 2025. <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	10.30am.	MASS: Joy, George, Fiona, Mini & Ann Intentions.

Monday 12th May 2025. <i>St John Houghton, Pr, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Jimmy John Intentions. Joy & Jestin.
Tuesday 13th May 2025 <i>St Erconwald, Bp.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Emma Goodson & Family Intentions.
Wednesday 14th May 2025. <i>Feast of St Matthias, Ap.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Jim McCormack RIP. Lee Family.
Saturday 17th May 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Carmel & Alan Chapman & Family Intentions. E Mullin.
Saturday 17th May 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 17th May 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 17th May 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 17th May 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 17th May 2025. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: William Phipps Intentions.
Sunday 18th May 2025. <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Fr Jim McCormack RIP. Lizzy Damien.
Sunday 18th May 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Tom Murphy Intentions.