

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

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<p><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></p> <p><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><b><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></p> <p><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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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ( C )**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:**

Week commencing 12th January:

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Emmanuel Babalola & Michael Olabode - Rufina*

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Emmanuel Babalola & Michael Olabode - Rufina*

Week commencing 19th January 2025

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Emmanuel Babalola & Michael Olabode - Rufina*

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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. 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:

- Standing Order Offerings £1554.00 of which £1366.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £428.68 of which £87.00 was gift aided.

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

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22** In the Gospel from Luke, John the Baptist declared that someone more powerful than him would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. The Holy Spirit is the transforming fire of God's love. It is the most powerful force in the cosmos.

In baptism we receive the forgiveness of all sin and are reborn into the new life and become adopted sons and daughters of God through the action of the Holy Spirit. We become members of the Body of Christ and enter His Church. In Baptism we are configured to Christ: Jesus Christ places an indelible spiritual seal of ownership upon our very souls. From this point, we belong to Christ and He will never turn His back on us. Jesus Christ will continue to call us to Himself throughout our lives. At baptism the sign of the cross is placed on our forehead as a mark of the grace and salvation given to us through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. In baptism we are given our faith and have access to all the Sacraments of the Church. The Church asks God that through His Son the power of the Holy Spirit may be sent upon the water, so that those who will be baptised in it may be 'born of water and the Spirit'. Baptism signifies and brings about death to sin and entry into the life of the Most Holy Trinity. In baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism and thereby share in the priesthood, prophecy and kingship of Jesus Christ. Following our baptism, we are clothed with a white garment, symbolizing that we have 'put on Christ'. We are given a candle lit from the Easter Paschal Candle symbolizing that we are to be 'a light to the world'.

When parents present their child to the Church for baptism, they are giving the child the most precious gift that can be given to them – they are giving their child life in the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** We will be celebrating Christian Unity Week with Churches Together in Clacton. The following Bible studies and prayer groups will take place in the town:

- Monday 20th January : Our Lady of Light - 1 Church Road
- Tuesday 21st January : Methodist Holland on Sea, 2 Preston Road.

- Wednesday 22nd January: URC, Carnarvon Road.
- Thursday: Salvation Army, Old Road.
- Friday: Baptist Church, Pier Avenue.

All are invited to attend the meetings. The meetings commence at 10.30 am until 1.00pm. A simple lunch will be provided at each session.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 11th January 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Pam Filmer RIP Terrence & Tara.
Saturday 11th January 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 11th January 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 11th January 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 11th January 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 11th January 2025. <i>Vigil of the Feast of The Baptism of The Lord. (C.)</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Todd Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Sunday 12th January 2025. <i>The Feast of The Baptism of The Lord (C.)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Alan Casey & Family. Catherine.
Sunday 12th January 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Edward Lewis Intentions. Mary.
Monday 13th January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Lynda Swinbourne & Family Intentions. Lindsey Abbarchi.
Tuesday 14th January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions. Catherine

Friday 17th January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP.
Friday 17th January 2025.	11.45am.	FUNERAL MASS: Richard Martin RIP.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Vocations to the Priesthood. Lindsey Abbarchi.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th January 2025. <i>Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Intentions.
Sunday 19th January 2025. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	8.30am.	MASS: Christa Wraight RIP Martyn Wraight.
Sunday 19th January 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Anne, George Intentions.
Sunday 19th January 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Sterling & Ocean Price.