

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 19th July 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Joe Byrne RIP - Theresa & Family

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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 £2165.00 of which £1871.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £753.40 of which £117.00 was gift aided.
- Peter's Pence £375.31 of which £52.00 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.

Matthew 13:1-23 In today's Gospel we are given 'the parable of the sower'. The sower is God. The seed is the Word of God. We are the soil that receives or rejects the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God.

To receive the Word of God we must have the ears and eyes of faith. Jesus said to His disciples: "But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear!" The disciples were receptive to the Word of God because they were people of profound faith. Without faith, the Word of God means nothing to us. It is only in the disposition of faith, do we receive the Word of God into our hearts, minds, and souls. It is only in faith that we hunger for the Word of God.

Our faith is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism we become adopted sons and daughters of God; we become temples of the Holy Spirit and members of the Body of Christ – His Church. In the Letter to the Hebrews, faith is described as 'the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen'. Faith is the most precious gift given to us in this life. It is through faith that we receive salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our faith is a gift that sadly we can lose. Our faith is like a precious and beautiful flower which must be watered and nourished to be sustained and to grow. If we fail to feed our faith, it will diminish and die. How do we feed our faith? We feed our faith through daily prayer, through acts of love and kindness, by reading Holy Scripture, through the reception of the Sacraments, each one of which is a personal encounter with the person of Jesus Christ and finally we feed our faith most especially when we receive the Word Incarnate, Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If we feed our faith, we become rich soil for the Word of God. If we feed our faith, we bring forth a great harvest in the Kingdom of God.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The children's liturgy takes place at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please encourage your children to join, meet new friends, and learn about Jesus.

YOUNG PERSON'S SUMMER PARTY: Will be held in St Charles's Halls and Presbytery Garden on Friday 7th August 2026 from 5pm to 8pm. Games, music, food and lots of fun!

SUMMER FETE: There will be a parish fete on Saturday 15th August 2026.

LEGION OF MARY: The Parish Mission will commence on Saturday 11th July 2026. Please come and meet the 10 missionaries who will be working in the parish at the 6.00pm Mass. They will be visiting every household in Clacton on Sea. They will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday 15th July at St Clares Catholic Primary School. There will be a special farewell Mass

celebrated on Friday 17th July at 7.00pm. Please pray for the success of the Mission.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses next week for *Stellis Maris* - the Catholic Charity for the welfare of seaman.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2027 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Fiorella Abbarchi Deceased will take place on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 1.30pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 11th July 2026. <i>St Benedict Ab.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Sophie Wren RIP. Nicola.
Saturday 11th July 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 11th July 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 11th July 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 11th July 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 11th July 2026. <i>Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Tommy Farrell RIP. Ann Ayton.
Sunday 12th July 2026. <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Lizzy Damien Intentions. Lizzy Damien
Sunday 12th July 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Patricia Murtagh Intentions (Birthday). Mrs B Lawlor.

Monday 13th July 2026	9.00am.	MASS: Birthday Intentions Izabel John.
Tuesday 14th July 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Saji Family Intentions.
Tuesday 14th July 2026.	1.30pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi RIP
Wednesday 15th July 2026. <i>St Bonaventure Bp, D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Brown Intentions. Theresa & Brian.
Thursday 16th July 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Brian Madge Intentions. Tara.
Friday 17th July 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Anne & George Intentions.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Alison Spooner Intentions. Martyn.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th July 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
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Saturday 18th July 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th July 2026. <i>Vigil of Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Glyn Firman RIP. Colin.
Sunday 19th July 2026. <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Betty Swell RIP (Anniversary). Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 19th July 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Gerry McKenna RIP. Mrs B Lawlor