

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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<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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3ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)
(Gaudette Sunday)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 14th December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Eileen & George Adams RIP

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Abbarchi Family

Week Commencing 21st December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Penny & Peter Intentions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Abbarchi Family Intentions - Lindsey.

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 £1638.00 of which £1450.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £569.81 of which £107.00 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.

MATTHEW 11:2-11 Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and we light the 3rd Candle of the Advent Wreath. The word 'Advent' means 'Coming' and is given to this time of year because during Advent we are preparing to celebrate the feast of Christmas, when Our Lord Jesus Christ first came on earth. We also prepare for the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in glory and judgement at the end of time. In the Gospel from Matthew, John the Baptist was in prison and would be shortly executed by King Herod the Tetrarch. He wanted to know that his life's work has not been in vain. His mission was to announce the coming of the Messiah and the arrival of the Kingdom of God. It was his task to go before Jesus Christ and announce the Way of the Lord. John sent a message to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else"? Jesus reassures John and sends the message, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me". John would have recognised the signs in the prophecies of the Old Testament of the coming of the Messiah. Jesus urged John not to lose faith in Him. The Christian message is called the Gospel or Good News, and is the announcement of joy for all people. We know Jesus Christ. We know that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son to be the means of our salvation. Let us never lose faith in the gift of divine love. This is the message of Advent.

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from Tim Hill, CEO, of Stella Maris thanking the parish for the generous donation of £346.44.

HOMELESS: Appeal for blankets and sleeping bags. Leave at the back of the church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2026 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 power of the Holy Spirit. **The closing date for applications is 20th December 2025.**

CATHOLIC HERALD: A special Christmas/New Year double will be shortly available for purchase at the back of the Church at a price of £5.00. Please put the money in the Upper Repository Books Box.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2026: There is a limited supply of Diocesan Directories available at the back of the Church at a cost of £3.20. Please put the money in the 'Upper Repository Box' marked books.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Saturday 13th December 2.00 pm Churches Together Carol Service at Christmas Island in the Town Centre.

Sunday 14th December 11.30 am Carols & Mince Pies (In the Parish Hall).

Monday 22nd December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Wednesday 24th December 6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass.

Wednesday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols.

Wednesday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass.

Thursday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

Thursday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

SVP SENIORS MEAL: All seniors invited to the annual Christmas Lunch on 11th January 2026. Entertainment and bingo. There is a £5.00 reservation fee. If you would like to attend, please place your name, telephone number and £5.00 in an envelope and place it in the box provided at the back of the church. Donations for raffle prizes would be welcome.

NEW YEAR PARTY: The price of a ticket is £10.00, which includes a disco. You can bring your own food and drink. Tickets on sale at all Sunday Masses. Proceeds to the SVP. All enquiries to Peter McMannom.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 13th December 2025. <i>St Lucy, V, M.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Philip Sharp Intentions. Peter.
Saturday 13th December 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 13th December 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 13th December 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 13th December 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 13th December 2025. <i>Vigil Third Sunday in Advent A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Lauren, Larry & Finley Intentions. Lee Family.

Sunday 14th December 2025. <i>Third Sunday in Advent A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Sharon Hunt Intentions. Pat.
Sunday 14th December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Peter Kaniah Intentions. May, Kaniah & Family.
Monday 15th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Rose Lindsay Intentions. Tara
Tuesday 16th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. John Henley.
Wednesday 17th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Brian Madge Intentions. Tara.
Thursday 18th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Josey Abraham RIP. Daison & Family.
Friday 19th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary & Dominic Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 20th December 2025.	9.30am	MASS: Santinelli Family Intentions. Ana Martin.
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Saturday 20th December 2025. <i>Vigil Fourth Sunday in Advent A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine-Mary & Jonathan Kewley & Santa & Magnus Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 21st December 2025. <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Joe Buda & Family Intentions.
Sunday 21st December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Cyril Avery RIP Barbara Nunn.
Sunday 21st December 2025.	2.00pm	BAPTISMS: Savannah Rose Tracy & Thomas Joseph Tracy.