

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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 21st September 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul

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 £1988.00 of which £1875.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £753.00 of which £109.00 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 3:13-17: In the Gospel from John, the Pharisee Nicodemus meets Jesus in secret for fear of his colleagues becoming aware of his association. Jesus speaks in profound terms of His mission. Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except He who has descended from heaven, the Son of Man". Jesus is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the Word through which everything in the Cosmos was created including us. Jesus descended from heaven through the Incarnation and the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was sent by God the Father, through God the Holy Spirit to save humanity from sin and death. Jesus continued, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life". Jesus was referring to the bronze serpent set on a pole and lifted up to those bitten by the fiery serpents in the Book of Numbers. Those who looked upon the bronze serpent did not die from the poisonous bites. Jesus took upon Himself all the sins of the world including our sins. He allowed Himself to experience the extreme agony and shame of crucifixion to pay the price in justice for our sins. He was nailed and raised on a cross for us. God died on a cross for humanity. God showed His total love for us. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life".

COMMUNITY GATHERING: We warmly invite all parishioners of African origin worshipping at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, to kindly remain after 10.30am Sunday Mass for our first community gathering on Sunday the 14th September 2025 at 11.50am in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and begin building a strong, supportive community within our parish. Sampson Ekeanyanwu 07539817089.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: All volunteers holding a current DBS certificate are requested to attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday 28th September at 11.30am immediately after the 10.30am Mass. The meeting will take place in the Presbytery.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Year 9 can apply for Mersea Island Gather Retreat 25th to 26th October via BCYS website. Login and set up an account ASAP. Financial support available. Year 10 and above can register via BCYS website above for Lourdes in July 2026. We will help with funding raising. Please TEXT Julie Lee on 07949087427 for information or support.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR: Choir and guitar practices start back Monday 29th September. Any new people interested, please TEXT Julie Lee.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS: If you can spare an occasional hour to help with the maintenance of the Church and Presbytery gardens, please join the Whats App Group on 07791635159. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October

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SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Masses next weekend for 'Evangelii Gaudium Day'. The funds are used by the Bishop Conference of England & Wales to support Home Mission.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 13th September 2025. <i>St John Chrysostom, Bp, D.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Terence & Tara Healey Intentions. Tara
Saturday 13th September 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 13th September 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 13th September 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 13th September 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 13th September 2025. <i>Vigil of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Jane & James Moynagh RIP. Angela Farrell.
Sunday 14th September 2025. <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Anne Colgan RIP B.De. .
Sunday 14th September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls Ekeanyanwu Family.
Sunday 14th September 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Owen Worsfold.
Monday 15th September 2025. <i>Our Lady of Sorrows.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Parish.

Tuesday 16th September 2025. <i>Ss Cornelius, P & Cyprian, Bp, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Kitty Casey Intentions. Catherine.
Wednesday 17th September 2025	9.00am.	MASS: Fiorella Abbarchi Intentions. Abbarchi Family.
Thursday 18th September 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Thanksgiving. Elizabeth Christi.
Thursday 18th September 2025.	11.00am.	WEDDING: Eliot Craven & Chanelle Nazareth.
Friday 19th September 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: John Moynagh RIP. Angela Farrell.
Saturday 20th September 2025. <i>St Andrew Kim Toe-gon, & Companions, M.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Thanksgiving (Exams). Evan George.
Saturday 20th September 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 20th September 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20th September 2025. <i>Vigil of The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Frank Intentions. Katie.
Sunday 21st September 2025. <i>The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Haplin Family Intentions. Peter and Laura.
Sunday 21st September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary Pole & Breda Spring Intentions. Mary & Breda.