

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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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 16th August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

Week Commencing 23rd August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff Intentions - Alex & Jo Medrano

Our Lady of Light Chapel: John Coyne RIP - Teresa Coyne.

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 £1688.50 of which £1520.50 was gift aided.

- Cash Offerings £712.08 of which £145.00 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.

LUKE 1:39-56 Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven. In the Gospel from Luke, we have the picture of the two cousins meeting. One a virgin and one a barren woman both with child. Elizabeth's child is John the Baptist and Mary holds within her the Son of God. There is an explosion of the Holy Spirit. The child Jesus is the source of the Holy Spirit. Mary's Assumption is not a privilege retained only for her. We are all called to share in her Assumption. As we commemorate her Solemnity, we live in the hope of the anticipation of our bodies rising to eternal life. It is, therefore, a feast of hope for all of us. We live in the hope of the resurrection of our bodies and the eternal happiness of our unity with God. In so many ways, The Blessed Virgin Mary shows us the way to follow and assists us in our journey. Mary shows us what it is to be perfectly human. Mary achieved this perfection through her total obedience and loyalty to God. Mary shows us that a human being can do God's will. She does it in a perfect way but a completely human way. From the moment of her yes at the Annunciation to the standing at the foot of the Cross, Mary was completely loyal to her Son. She did not say no. She did not run away as the other disciples did during Christ's passion. For this reason, she is acknowledged as the perfect disciple and follower of Christ. Mary's role is central to the salvation of humanity. The incarnation of God into humanity for the salvation and reconciliation of all was achieved through the Virgin Mary. Mary gave Jesus His humanity. Jesus became fully human through Mary. Mary made all this possible through her yes to God.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during the summer term break.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. The Bill has a serious lack of protection

for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please contact our MP and request that he votes against the bill:

nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday 12th September 2026, the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be a day of prayers and services commencing at 10.00am. Bishop Alan will preside at Mass at 10.30am.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Fr Hugh MacKenzie, Chaplain at Westminster will be giving a presentation on AI and Catholic Teaching on Saturday 26th September 2026 at 11.00am at Christ the Eternal King in Gidea Park. Live stream from www.whatgoodnews.org.

HALL TOILETS: The hall toilets must be cleaned every week to maintain the necessary hygiene standards. One parishioner has been cleaning the toilets each week for a number of years. She now needs some help. Please may I have some volunteers. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

PARISH NURSE VACANCY (Part Time). The Baptist Church in Pier Avenue wishes to recruit a NMC Registered Nurse. Please email Rev Michelle Eversden-Thomas pabcministtermichelle@outlook.com for the application pack. Closing date 11th September 2026.

SATURDAY 22ND: Fr Patrick will be joining the Knights of Collumba at their retreat at St Clares Priory in Suffolk. The 9.30am Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation will not take place on Saturday 22nd August.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 15th August 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Celine Slattery RIP. Brendan.
Saturday 15th August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 15th August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 15th August 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 15th August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.

Saturday 15th August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP, Syd, Sonya & Shane.
Sunday 16th August 2026. <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Halina & Bodgam Holeszowski Intentions. Family.
Sunday 16th August 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Healing for Alison. Lynne.
Monday 17th August 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Thanks Giving. Suraj & Family.
Thursday 20th August 2026.	7.00pm	MASS: Joseph Iderse RIP. Vincatassin.
Friday 21st August 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, George & Anne Intentions.
Saturday 22nd August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 22nd August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 22nd August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22nd August 2026. <i>Vigil of the</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Bridie & Brian Southworth Intentions. Kevin McArdle.
Sunday 23rd August 2026. A.	8.30am.	MASS: Alikutty Joseph Intentions. Siby Joseph.
Sunday 16th August 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martins de Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.