

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 16th March 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh RIP Eileen Morley.

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

Week commencing 23th March 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Pat (Queenie) Hughes RIP - Theresa & Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Pat (Queenie) Hughes RIP - Theresa & Family

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. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £1371.00 of which £1013.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £626.17 of which £61.00 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.

LUKE 9:28-36 In the Gospel from Luke, we are given a description of the transfiguration. Jesus had taken Peter, John and James up into the mountain to pray. In the Old Testament, the mountain is the place where all the prophets had met God. Jesus had taken the apostles on this journey to prepare them for the trauma of His passion and crucifixion. They still did not fully appreciate at this stage that Jesus is God. As Jesus prayed, he was transfigured: 'the aspect of His face was changed and His clothing became as brilliant as lighting. The apostles were given a vision of the Resurrected Christ. Moses and Elijah spoke of Jesus passing, which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. This was in direct reference to Jesus' death on a cross. A cloud came and covered them with a shadow. This was the same cloud that appeared at the Covenant between Yahweh and Abraham. This was the presence of God. The voice came from the cloud saying "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him".

Jesus Christ is God incarnated into humanity through the Virgin Mary. God sent His only Son into the world to be the means of our salvation. Jesus Christ was born and lived among us. He died on the cross to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day and ascended into heaven. He will return on the last day in glory and judgement. God became man in order to be the means of our salvation. This is the Good News. This is the new Covenant between God and humanity. As Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so will we who believe, be raised from the dead. In the words of St Paul, 'we will be transfigured into immortal beings into the image of Jesus Christ'. We have done nothing to merit the favour of God. This is a gift of utter love from our self-giving God.

SUNDAY DIVINE OFFICE AND ROSARY: You are invited to pray Lauds at 10:00 every Sunday before Mass (at our Sacred Heart Shrine), connecting the faithful to the Church's official daily prayer, cultivating gratitude and devotion while preparing hearts for the Eucharist. The Rosary will be said after the 8.30am and 1030am Mass at Our Lady Shrine allows the community to honour Mary and seek her intercession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Bishop Alan Williams will be celebrating Holy Mass in celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am. This is a very special event for the parish.

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

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please bring your full Missio Red Boxes and give them to a Church Steward. We wish to complete a count and get the money to Missio. Thank you Barbara and Manual.

COFFEE, CAKE & BOOK SALE: St Charles Hall on Saturday 24th April at 10.30am. Proceeds to support 2 young people wanting to help the disabled in Lourdes this summer and the need to raise funds for travel.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES: 2025 gift-aid envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church. If you are a taxpayer, and not in the gift-aid scheme, please join immediately. It costs you nothing and helps the parish meet its bills. Simply send an email to giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 24th May 2025 Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact put your name and telephone number in an envelope marked "Walsingham" with £25 per ticket required and give it to the one of Church Stewards at Mass. For any further details please contact Paul Twyford 01255 666213 No charge for accompanied children.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 15th March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Lee Family.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 15th March	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Reid

2025. <i>Vigil of Second Sunday in Lent. (C)</i> .		RIP. Theresa McCarron.
Sunday 16th March 2025. <i>Second Sunday in Lent. (C)</i> .	8.30am.	MASS: Vera Sweeney RIP. Maureen Clow & Family.
Sunday 16th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary & John Sullivan Intentions. Fiona Smith.
Monday 17th March 2025. <i>St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland</i> .	9.00am.	MASS: Dorothy Peterson RIP. Brendan Herhily.
Tuesday 18th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Souls of Dixon Family RIP.
Thursday 20th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Cox Family Intentions. Doreen Lane.
Friday 21st March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Tim Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Friday 21st March 2025.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 23rd March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Saturday 23rd March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 23rd March 2025. <i>Vigil of Third Sunday in Lent. (C)</i> .	6.00pm.	MASS: Joan Connor RIP. Margaret Geale.
Sunday 24th March 2025. <i>Third Sunday in Lent. (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Paul Twyford
Sunday 24th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Ana, William & James Martin Intentions.