

**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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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by<br/>the means of the<br/>powerful intercession of<br/>the Immaculate Heart of<br/>Mary, your well beloved<br/>Spouse.<br/>Amen.</i></p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Daily Offering of myself<br/>to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Lady of Light,<br/>Spouse of the Holy<br/>Spirit, I give thee my<br/>whole self, soul and<br/>body.<br/>All that I have or may<br/>have to keep for Jesus,<br/>that I may be His for<br/>evermore.<br/>Amen.</i></p> |
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**  
***Peace Day***

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:**

*Commencing 18th January 2026*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Thanksgiving - Joy*

*Commencing 25th January 2026*

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Joan Todd (Birthday) RIP - Julia Clarke*

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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](mailto: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 £577.50 of which £537.50 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £554.04 of which £86.00 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 1:29-34** In today's Gospel from , John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world".

Jesus received the Baptism of John in submission of His Father's will to be the means of our salvation, and reconciliation with the Father. By allowing Himself to be baptised by John in the Jordan, Jesus accepted His personal baptism of blood in His crucifixion on Calvary. He became 'the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'.

In John's Gospel, Jesus was crucified at the commencement of Passover. At the time of His death, the paschal lambs were being slaughtered in sacrifice to God, in remembrance of the Jewish nation's release from slavery in Egypt. Jesus' death on the cross was the Perfect Sacrifice to God the Father. Jesus paid the price for our sins. His death brought about the release of humanity from slavery to sin and death.

At the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove and rested upon Him. At His baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit and accepted His mission as God's suffering Servant. At our Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and accept our mission to be disciples of Jesus Christ; to be a light to the world; to be sons and daughters of the Father, and to enter into the very life of the Blessed Trinity.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** We will be celebrating Christian Unity Week with Churches Together in Clacton next week. The following Bible studies and prayer groups will take place in the town:

- Monday 19th January : Our Lady of Light - 1 Church Road
- Tuesday 20th January : Methodist Holland on Sea, 2 Preston Road.
- Wednesday 21st January: To Advise
- Thursday: 22nd January: To Advise.
- Friday: 23rd January: Baptist Church, Pier Avenue.

All are invited to attend the meetings. The daily reflections will take place at 10.30am, followed by a simple lunch and discussion finishing at 1.00pm. Fr Patrick will be leading the meeting on Monday.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses next weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn.

**LOURDES WITH THE DIOCESE:** Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across the Diocese in Lourdes next summer from Friday 17th to Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will be shortly available.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

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| Saturday 17th January 2026. St Antony, Ab.                                     | 9.30am              | MASS: Brian Madge Intentions. Lee Family.                |
| Saturday 17th January 2026.                                                    | 11.00am to 1.00pm.  | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.                     |
| Saturday 17th January 2026.                                                    | 11.00am.            | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.                                    |
| Saturday 17th January 2026.                                                    | 11.00am to 12.00pm. | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.                             |
| Saturday 17th January 2026.                                                    | 12.00pm.            | THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.                         |
| Saturday 17th January 2026. <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i> | 6.00pm.             | MASS: Pauline Rice & Family Intentions. Margaret Cassidy |
| Sunday 18th January 2026. <i>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>            | 8.30am.             | MASS: Penny & Peter McManamon.                           |
| Sunday 18th January 2026.                                                      | 10.30am.            | MASS: Nicola & Colin Intentions. Harry Killen.           |
| Monday 19th January 2026.                                                      | 9.00am.             | MASS: Christina Wraight RIP (Anniversary) Martyn.        |
| Tuesday 20th January 2026.                                                     | 9.00am.             | MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions.                          |
| Wednesday 21st January 2026. St Agnes, V M.                                    | 9.00am.             | MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.              |

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| Thursday 22nd January 2026.                                                      | 9.00am.             | MASS: Peter Coyne & Colette Intentions. Lindsey.             |
| Friday 23rd January 2026.                                                        | 9.00am.             | MASS: The Abbarchi Family Intentions. Lindsey.               |
| Saturday 24th January 2026. St Frances de Sales, Bp, D.                          | 9.30am              | MASS: Lizy Damien Intentions. Lizy Damien.                   |
| Saturday 24th January 2026.                                                      | 11.00am to 1.00pm.  | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.                         |
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| Saturday 24th January 2026. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i> | 6.00pm.             | MASS: Tania & Bill Hunt Intentions. Margaret Cassidy.        |
| Sunday 25th January 2026. <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>                | 8.30am.             | MASS: John & Carmel 65th Wedding Anniversary. Eugene Mullin. |
| Sunday 25th January 2026.                                                        | 10.30am.            | MASS: Alan Mowle Intentions. Harry Killen.                   |