

**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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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C )**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:**

*Week commencing 18th May 2025*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff RIP - Jo Medlano*

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Tom & Bernadette McManaman Intentions - Peter*

**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 £549.50 of which £529.50 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £577.57 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.

**John 13:31-35** Each of us has a In the Gospel from John, Jesus Christ gives us His new commandment. He tells us “I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, you must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everybody will know that you are my disciples”. The entire Law of the Gospel is contained within this one commandment.

Scriptural scholars tell us that the original Gospel of John was written in Greek. The word used in the original Greek manuscript was ‘agape’ and not love. The word ‘agape’ means a very special type of love. This is sacrificial love. This is the love that leads one to lay down your life for another. It is giving love without any expectation of return. This love hurts. This is the love that Jesus showed when He accepted death on a cross for our sins. He was innocent but paid the price for our faults.

It is impossible for us to love one another as Jesus Christ loves us without the graces of the Holy Spirit. We need to have Jesus Christ in the very depths of our hearts and souls in order to love one another as Jesus loves us. We need to fill our hearts and minds with the Holy Spirit to love in this way. We do this through the gift of the Sacraments. Every Sacrament is a grace given encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. This is true of all the Sacraments but most especially the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in receiving Jesus that we become Jesus. In becoming Jesus, we are able to love as He loves us.

**FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT:** I am writing to formally invite you and your families to attend the celebration of the Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am with Bishop Alan. I will be commencing a personal pilgrimage walk from the Brentwood Cathedral on Monday 26th May 2025. The final leg of the walk will be completed on Saturday 31st May 2025, commencing at the Martello Tower (F) on the Marine Parade West at 10.00am. This is the site of the early Mission Masses in the parish. Those who wish to join me on the final half-mile part of the pilgrimage walk, are invited to meet at the Martello Tower at 10.00am.

I am requesting that all who attend the Mass to please bring at least one flower with them to place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Light at the beginning of the Service. You will be invited to bring forward your flowers. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, with games available for children in the presbytery garden. All are welcome to attend the reception. The Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee Year 2025 will be available to those attending, who complete a prayer for the Pope’s Leo’s intentions, and receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the Feast Day. May is the month of Mary and a wonderful time to celebrate this

Feast Day. We are honoured to have Bishop Alan join us for this special occasion.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT:** The reception team will meet again immediately after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please may I have more volunteers to prepare and run the reception on Saturday 31st May 2025. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

**BINGO & RAFFLE:** Immediately after the Sunday 10.30 Mass on 25th May 2025. £3 per game or two games for £5.00. Funds being raised to assist two young people in our parish to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July as helpers to the sick. If you are unable to attend and wish to make a contribution, please put the money in an envelope marked 'Lourdes' and place it in the collection.

**SATURDAY 24TH MAY:** There will be no services in the church. The Parish will be on pilgrimage to Walsingham.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Please note all parishioners travelling on the coach should board at 8.15 am at the latest. (There are a few seats available – please contact Paul Tywford on 07970619053).

**CALAIS LIGHT:** Mary Stretch, CEO of Calais Light will be speaking at all Masses on Sunday 25th May. Her charity is helping refugees here in Clacton to feel welcome, learn English and integrate into our community, and how you can help! Come, let's be neighbours not strangers!

**ST CLARES PRIMARY SCHOOL:** KS2 children will be leading the Holy Rosary on 22nd May at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to join them in prayer.

**LOURDES 2025:** Nigel Sainte Marie will be speaking at the Masses this weekend to explain why he would like to go to Lourdes and to thank the Parish for our support.

**BRASS CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** Immediately after Thursday 9.00am Mass on 22nd May. All brass needs cleaning for Our Lady of Light Feast Day. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

**St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025.** For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos, and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August. For more details, and application information: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). The Parish will support any child wishing to attend the camp.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

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| Saturday 17th May 2025.                                                    | 9.30am.                         | MASS: Carmel & Alan Chapman & Family Intentions. E Mullin. |
| Saturday 17th May 2025.                                                    | 11.00am to 1.00pm.              | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.                       |
| Saturday 17th May 2025.                                                    | 11.00am.                        | DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.                                      |
| Saturday 17th May 2025.                                                    | 11.00am to 12.00pm.             | SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.                               |
| Saturday 17th May 2025.                                                    | 12.00pm.                        | THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.                           |
| Saturday 17th May 2025.<br><i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter (C).</i> | 6.00pm.                         | MASS: William Phipps Intentions.                           |
| Sunday 18th May 2025.<br><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)</i>                 | 8.30am.                         | MASS: Fr Jim McCormack RIP. Lizzy Damien.                  |
| Sunday 18th May 2025.                                                      | 10.30am.                        | MASS: Tom Murphy Intentions.                               |
| Monday 19th May 2025.                                                      | 9.00am.                         | MASS: Joseph Mathew Intentions. Siby Mathew.               |
| Tuesday 20th May 2025                                                      | 9.00am.                         | MASS: George Thomas RIP. Joy & Jestin.                     |
| Wednesday 21st May 2025.                                                   | 7.00pm Novus Ordo Mass in Latin | MASS: Tom Murphy Intentions.                               |
| Thursday 22nd May 2025.                                                    | 9.00am.                         | MASS: John & Jerry Mullin & Family Intentions. E Mullin.   |
| Friday 23rd May 2025.                                                      | 9.00am.                         | MASS: John Joseph Intentions. M Mathew.                    |
| Sunday 25th May 2025.<br><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)</i>                 | 8.30am.                         | MASS: Anthony & Matylda Delika Intentions. Family.         |
| Sunday 25th May 2025.                                                      | 10.30am.                        | MASS: Serena Deady RIP. Kandiah & Deady Family.            |