

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 19th April 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: David Arthur Laurence RIP - Tara

Commencing 26th April 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terrence & Tara Headley Intentions

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 £694.50 of which £533.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £917.12 of which £96.00 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 24:13-35 In today's Gospel, we have the image of two dejected disciples leaving behind Jerusalem and walking home to their village. They had been traumatised by the crucifixion of Jesus and had refused to accept the message of the Resurrection from the women visiting the empty tomb. The Gospel tells us that, 'their faces were downcast'. What happens next? Jesus appears beside them and walks with them on their journey home. Jesus tells them, "you foolish men! So, slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into His glory"? Jesus then explains Holy Scripture to them. Jesus gives them the Word of God. Later they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us"! The disciples invited the stranger who had given them the Word of God to stay with them. As they sat at the table, Jesus took the bread and said the blessing; then He broke it and handed it to them'. Their eyes were opened and they recognised the stranger as Jesus Christ. What had brought about this change? Jesus had fed them with the Holy Eucharist: 'the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ'. In the Holy Eucharist, their hearts and minds were opened to the presence of the Lord. In this life, we are all disciples of Jesus Christ – we are all on a journey home. Our home is heaven. On this journey, we can be tried and tested by difficulties, disappointments and suffering. We can get down hearted and can even on occasions question our faith in Jesus Christ. It is at these times that Jesus walks very close to us. We do not always recognise His presence but He is there gently encouraging and supporting us. When we come together as a community on Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection, Jesus speaks to us in Holy Scripture and reveals His presence to us. We are fed at the table of the Word of God. At the Holy Mass, the bread is blessed and broken and we are fed by the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is truly, really and substantially present.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: Our Parish has the privilege of hosting the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Alan will be presiding at the Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Light on 16th May 2026 at 11.00am, with priests from the Deanery. There will be a walking procession on the sea-front commencing at 10.00am. A reception will be held in the parish hall following the service. Please make a note in your diary.

THANK YOU: From Fr Patrick and Fr Peter for your generous Easter Offerings, presents, cards and your prayers.

GIFTAID ENVELOPES: The new envelopes for the new tax year are available at the back of the Church. Please collect your box of envelopes.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 25th April Quiz Night in St Charles hall. Gifts of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Come with a team of up to 6 or just ask

to be allocated to a team on arrival. Bring your own food and drinks and look forward to a fun night out. Details from Linda 07799 104874 or Paul 07970 619053

NATIONAL HOLY HOUR: The Bishops of England and Wales have called all Catholics to join a National Holy Hour on Sunday 19th April 2026 at 4.30pm for the intention of the dignity of all human life. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on this day in our Church. Please join the period of silent prayer.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 23rd May 2026. £30.00 per seat. To reserve seats on the coach, please put the money in a sealed envelope and write your name and telephone number on the outside with the number of seats requested. The envelope should be placed in the secure black drop box in the sacristy. Meet in the car park at 7.45am with departure at 8.00am. Bring packed lunch and drinks as there are limited facilities in Walsingham. Full information available from Paul Twyford 07970619053.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Commencing at the 10.30pm Sunday Mass on 26th April 2026. The children will be invited to participate in their own liturgy during school term times. The children will leave the Mass at the Penitential Rite and return at the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The child may be accompanied by a parent or carer. Please give this initiative your support.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 18th April 2026.	9.30am	MASS: May Doyle Intentions. Theresa, May & Pauline.
Saturday 18th April 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th April 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18th April 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 18th April 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th April 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: Kathleen Taylor Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 19th April 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: John Murray RIP. Chris & Denis Brown.
Sunday 19th April 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Saji Family Intentions.
Sunday 19th April 2026.	4.30pm.	NATIONAL HOLY HOUR

		FOR LIFE.
Monday 20th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Sara, Billy & Family Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Tuesday 21st April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Peter Udaya Intentions. Lynne.
Wednesday 22nd April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Patrick Daly Intentions. Lynne.
Wednesday 22nd April 2026.	10.30am.	WEDDING: Ance George & Tom Kappiliparambil Mathew.
Thursday 23rd April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Eileen Morley.
Friday 24th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Matt Flanagan RIP. Leontia Flanagan.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Brian Naylor RIP. Barbara De La Nougereade.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 25th April 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	1.15pm.	WEDDING: Sean Brown & Tracey Sibley.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: May Doyle Intentions. Alison.
Sunday 26th April 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Alison Spooner Intentions. Alison.
Sunday 26th April 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.