

**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;"><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></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;"><b><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></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 IN ORDINARY TIME (C )**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:**

*Week commencing 19th January 2025*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Emmanuel Babalola & Michael Olabode - Rufina*

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Emmanuel Babalola & Michael Olabode - Rufina*

*Week commencing 26th January 2025*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP*

*Our Lady of Light Chapel: Mary Tomlin 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. The parish bank details are:

Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea

Sort Code 401322 Account Number: 41020463.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number in the Reference. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £565.00 of which £370.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £521.73 of which £121.00 was gift aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

**JOHN 2: 1-11** In the Gospel from John, we have the wedding at Cana. This is a very dramatic story. Jesus, His mother and His disciples were all present at the wedding. The hosts had run out of wine. The Blessed Virgin Mary interceding for the couple tells her son, 'they have no wine'. The Blessed Virgin Mary is always at her Son's side and continues to pray and intercede for us in heaven. Jesus replies, 'woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet'. Jesus' hour was His passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. With total confidence in her Son, Mary tells the servants, 'do whatever He tells you'. Mary knows the true identity of her son: He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Holy Trinity, He is God incarnate, He is the Son of God. Mary will always intercede on our behalf with her Son. Jesus tells the servants to 'fill the jars with water'. The jars were filled to the brim. Jesus tells them to 'draw some out now and take it to the steward. They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. We are told that this was the first of the signs given by Jesus. He gave these signs in order that we and the disciples may believe in Him. Jesus' wondrous deeds open our eyes in order that we may believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. The miracle produced a huge quantity of wine at the wedding. God's mercy and love is without limit. God sent His only Son into the world in order to reconcile all humanity to Himself. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding of Cana. Jesus' presence is the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and tells us that Jesus Christ is always present with the couple in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. Following Christ's death and resurrection, the status of marriage has been raised to reflect the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Holy Church – the Bride of Christ. At His hour, Jesus Christ was the Lamb of God who gave his body and blood at the request of the Church – His bride. The wedding feast is a foretaste of that banquet that Jesus invites all His followers to attend in heaven.

A greater miracle than that at Cana will take place at this Mass, where through the action of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine will be transformed into the Body and the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

- Monday 20th January : Our Lady of Light - 1 Church Road
- Tuesday 21st January : Methodist Holland on Sea, 2 Preston Road.
- Wednesday 22nd January: Anglian, St James, 56 Tower Road.
- Thursday: Salvation Army, Old Road.
- Friday: Baptist Church, Pier Avenue.

All are invited to attend the meetings. The meetings commence at 10.30 am until 1.00pm. A simple lunch will be provided at each session.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Jo Robertson will take place on Tuesday 21st January 2025. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

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

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 18th January 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Vocations to the Priesthood. Lindsey Abbarchi.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 18th January 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th January 2025. <i>Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Angela, Gordon, Anthony & Carolina Intentions.
Sunday 19th January 2025. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	8.30am.	MASS: Christa Wraight RIP Martyn Wraight.
Sunday 19th January 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Daison, Mini, Anne, George Intentions.
Sunday 19th January	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Sterling &

2025.		Ocean Price.
Monday 20th January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Ricard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Tuesday 21st January 2025. St Agnes, V M.	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Tuesday 21st January 2025.	1.30pm.	FUNERAL: Jo Robertson RIP.
Wednesday 22nd January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Nell O'Leary & Family Intentions. Sheila Young.
Saturday 25th January 2025. The Conversion of Paul, Ap.	9.30am.	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions. Harry.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th January 2025. <i>Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C ).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Sandra & Pat Murray Intentions.
Sunday 26th January 2025. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C ).	8.30am.	MASS: Phil & Connie Sharp Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 26th January 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Kathleen Cavanagh. Margaret Cavanagh.
Sunday 26th January 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Liam Kelly.