

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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<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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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

World Mission Sunday.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 19th October 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Mary Tomlin - Lindsey

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Abbarchi Family Intentions - Lindsey

Week Commencing 26th October 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: John & Baps Coyne RIP - Terera

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Mary Tomlin - Lindsey.

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

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 £605.00 of which £425.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £861.71 of which £140.00 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 18:1-8: In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells His disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never to lose heart. He gave the example of the poor widow who was seeking justice against her enemy. The judge did not have any respect for God or justice but she continued to pester him day and night. Through her persistent petitions for action the Judge finally gives her justice.

Jesus promises those who are persistent in prayer that their prayers will be heard and acted upon by God. He questions, however, whether there will be any faith remaining when He returns at the end of time.

Prayer is the oxygen of our faith. Prayer allows our faith to grow and deepens our relationship with God. The Catechism tells us that 'Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God'. The Catechism continues, 'God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. It is necessary to pray always without ceasing, and with the patience of faith'.

A life without prayer is a life without God. God is our closest companion. God is the source of our existence and the destiny of our eternal souls. God loves us more than we can ever imagine. When we chose not to pray, we chose to cease communication with God. We chose to ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit to enter into a closer union with God. Our faith cannot simply exist without the exercise of prayer. We all need to make time in our lives for regular prayers. How we pray does not matter. We should pray in the ways we can pray and not in the ways we cannot pray. Prayer is never wasted in this life. God never ignores our prayer, however feeble our attempts to pray.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS: If you can spare an occasional hour to help with the maintenance of the Church and Presbytery gardens, please join the Whats App Group on 07791635159. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 22nd November 2025. 11am to 2.00pm. Come and see Santa, lots to eat and drink, plenty of stalls, £1 admission, children free. All welcome at St Charles Hall.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

VACANCY HEAD: Our Lady of Immaculate Primary School, Chelmsford. For Application Pack, email lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: The Knights of Columba invite you to a Parish Quiz Night to be held in the parish hall on Saturday 25th October at 7.00pm.

Cheese and wine provided. Bring your own food/drinks. Come as a team or be paired up on the night. All are welcome. £5 per head (Children free).

CATECHIST TRAINING EVENT: For anybody working with young people. Brentwood Ursuline Convent 5th November 2025 10 to 3.30pm. Go to <https://bcys.net/events/catechists2025/> to book.

PARISH WORKING PARTY: To complete essential maintenance on the site cold water drains. Meeting on Saturday 8th November 2025 immediately after the 9.30am Mass. Contact Paul Twyford for further information: 07970619053. Commercial gloves provided. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 18th October 2025.	9.30pm	MASS: Nicki Keshane Intentions. Nicki.
Saturday 18th October 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 18th October 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 18th October 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 18th October 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 18th October 2025. <i>Vigil of The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. C</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Gordon & Angela Cook Intentions.
Saturday 18th October 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Sunday 19th October 2025. <i>The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Beth Brown RIP. Joan.

Sunday 19th October 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Vivienne Tombs RIP. Margaret Geale.
Sunday 19th October 2025.	2.00pm	BAPTISM: Ozias Fairey.
Monday 20th October 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Saji & Family Intentions.
Tuesday 21st October 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mamie Prendergast RIP. Angela.
Wednesday 22nd October 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Harold Bonus RIP. Mary.
Thursday 23rd October 2025.	9.00am	MASS: Eva Hadley RIP. Mary & Viv Carter.
Friday 24th October 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mrs Sara Murray Intentions. Pat & Sandra.
Saturday 25th October 2025.	9.30am	MASS: Angela Farrell Intentions. Angela.
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Saturday 25th October 2025. <i>Vigil of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. C</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Joju John & Tessy (Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 26th October 2025. <i>The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Gee Varghese Kunkesu RIP. Lizy Damien.
Sunday 26th October 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Sam Ekeanyanwu & Family.