

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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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Home Mission Sunday

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 20th September 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul
Week commencing 27th September 2026
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Jestin George RIP
Our Lady of Light Chapel: Annie Monteiro RIP

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 £678.50 of which £543.50 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £528.60 of which £81.00 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.

Matthew 20:1-16 The Gospel from Matthew speaks of God's utter generosity to all. God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, the 2nd person of the Holy Trinity into the world, incarnated into humanity. God became man. He came to live among us in poverty. He died the shameful death of the Cross to reconcile us to Himself. Jesus Christ died the sacrificial death on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day and offers us the hope of eternal salvation. We cannot earn our own salvation. There is nothing we can do to justify our salvation. It took the death of God Himself to free us from sin and grant eternal life in Jesus Christ. God offers the wonderful gift of salvation to all who turn to Him and accept His mercy. This is the wonderful truth of our faith. The Gospel today speaks of the workers who come early and late in the vineyard of the Lord. That same generosity is offered to those who seek God's mercy late in life, and to those who have always faithfully followed God faithfully throughout their lives. We are not to be envious of God's generosity.

We have access to God's mercy through the Church, through the Sacraments, including the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Christ also instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation through His Church for the forgiveness of sin, in particular, serious sin. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess our sins to Jesus Christ, and we receive God's mercy and forgiveness. There is no sin that is excluded from God's mercy. He always welcomes us with joy and compassion and grants us the peace and knowledge of His forgiveness.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is children's liturgy at the Sunday 10.30am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2027 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. **The final closing date for applications is Sunday 27th September 2026.**

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

HALL TOILETS: The hall toilets must be cleaned every week to maintain the necessary hygiene standards. One parishioner has been cleaning the toilets each week for a number of years. She now needs some help. I have received one volunteer. Please may I have some more volunteers. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

FUNERAL: The funerals of Jestin George Dec'd will take place on Wednesday 23rd September and the funeral of Peter Duffy Dec'd will take place on Friday 25th

September 2026. Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families.

36 HOURS OF EXPOSITION: The continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church commencing at 10.00am on Friday 18th September and finishing at 10.00pm on Saturday 19th September 2026.

YOUNG PERSON'S CHOIR: Recommencing twice a month 2 weeks before the 2nd Sunday of each month. Choir practice in the church on Monday 29th September 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Guitar lessons 4.45pm to 5.30pm. The first Sunday performance on 11th October at the 10.30am Mass. Any queries contact Julia Clarke or Julie Less 07949087427.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend for Home Mission Sunday. We celebrate 'Home Mission Sunday' each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 19th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Annie Monteiro RIP. Tara.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 19th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 19th September 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Helen Wheatley Intentions. Tara.
Sunday 20th September 2026. <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Henry Nowak RIP. Andrews Family
Sunday 20th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Baby Quiuga Intentions. Joseph & Faye.
Monday 21st September 2026. St Matthew Ap, Ev.	9.00am.	MASS: Ian Coleman RIP Mary
Monday 21st September 2026.	6.00pm	WEDDING: Richard and Agnes Clapham.

Tuesday 22nd September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Christine Brooks RIP M. Collier.
Wednesday 23rd September 2026. <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Pr.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Jestin George RIP Dr Lizy Damien
Wednesday 23rd September 2026.	12.00pm	FUNERAL: Jestin George RIP.
Thursday 24th September 2026. <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP
Friday 25th September 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Anna Littler RIP.
Friday 25th September 2026.	12.00pm.	FUNERAL: Peter Duffy RIP.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Russell Williamson RIP. Eileen Morley.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 26th September 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 26th September 2026. <i>Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Joyce Intentions. Mr B Lawlor.
Sunday 27th September 2026. <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Lawrencia Roberts RIP. Dr Lizy Damien
Sunday 27th September 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Kathy Lynch Intentions.