

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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4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 21st December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Penny & Peter Intentions

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Abbarchi Family Intentions - Lindsey.

Week Commencing 28th December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Abbarchi Family Intentions - Lindsey

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terence & Tara Headley

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 £863.50 of which £683.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £595.49 of which £96.00 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.

MATTHEW 1:18-24 Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, and we light the 4th Candle of the Advent Wreath. The 4th candle lit at this Mass is called the 'Angels' Candle' or 'the Candle of Peace' reminding us of the message of the angels: 'Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men'.

In today's Gospel, Matthew focuses on the story of Joseph. Mary and Joseph were legally married but had not come to live together. Imagine the shock and disappointment that Joseph experienced when he discovered that Mary was pregnant with a child. He could not go through with the marriage in these circumstances but he loved Mary. He knew that to publicly divorce Mary would have brought great shame on her family, and would have endangered the lives of both Mary and the child. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit, she will give birth to a son and you must name Him Jesus, because He is the one who is to save His people from their sins". Joseph was a man of faith and immediately welcomed both Mary and Jesus into his life.

The name Jesus means 'God Saves'. The child born of the Virgin Mary is called Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. St Paul tells us that, 'there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved'. The title 'Christ' means 'Anointed One' or Messiah. Jesus is the Christ, for 'God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power'.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Monday 22nd December 7.00 pm Christmas Reconciliation Service with visiting priests.

Wednesday 24th December 6.00 pm Children's Vigil Mass.

Wednesday 24th December 8.00 pm Christmas Carols.

Wednesday 24th December 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass.

Thursday 25th December 8.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

Thursday 25th December 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass.

SVP SENIORS MEAL: All seniors invited to the annual Christmas Lunch on 11th January 2026. Entertainment and bingo. There is a £5.00 reservation fee. If you would like to attend, please place your name, telephone number and £5.00 in an envelope, and place it in the box provided at the back of the church. Donations for raffle prizes would be welcome.

NEW YEAR PARTY: New Years eve party 7.30 till just past midnight. Families welcome, individuals welcome, couples open to all. A lovely get together of disco music which you can also request your favourites. Bring your own snacks and drinks, alcohol or soft drink, teas & coffees available free. £10 per adult under 18s free. Enjoy with your parish family. Text Julie Lee 07949087427 if you need tickets at any time. Or Peter McManamon.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: The Christmas offerings are your personal gift to the Parish Priests. It is also an important part of their annual income. Only the following qualifies for the personal offering: Electronic payments with the word 'Christmas' included in the reference details, the 'Christmas Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Christmas Masses.

Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick & Fr Peter.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 20th December 2025.	9.30am	MASS: Santinelli Family Intentions. Ana Martin.
Saturday 20th December 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20th December 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20th December 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 20th December 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20th December 2025. <i>Vigil Fourth Sunday in Advent A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine-Mary & Jonathan Kewley & Santa & Magnus Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 21st December 2025. <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Joe Buda & Family Intentions.
Sunday 21st December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Cyril Avery RIP Barbara Nunn.
Monday 22nd December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: V J Joseph RIP. Deepa Jose.
Monday 22nd December 2025.	7.00pm.	PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE.
Tuesday 23rd December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Christina Avery RIP. Barbara Nunn.

Wednesday 24th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Private Intentions. Mary.
Wednesday 24th December 2025. <i>The vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.</i>	6.00pm.	CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS: Matthew Clarke RIP. Christopher Clark.
Wednesday 24th December 2025. <i>The vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.</i>	9.00pm.	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS: Parishioners of the Parish.
Thursday 25th December 2025. <i>The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.</i>	8.30am.	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: Christians of Ukraine & Gaza Intentions. Bemill Spurting.
Thursday 25th December 2025. <i>The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.</i>	10.30am.	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: Mathew Thomas Intentions. Mini Mathew.
Friday 26th December 2025. <i>St Stephen, Myr.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: John Avery RIP. Barbara Nunn.
Saturday 27th December 2025. <i>St John, Ap, Ev.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudain Intentions. Angela Cook.
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Saturday 27th December 2025. <i>Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Andrews RIP. Theresa & Family.
Sunday 28th December 2025. <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family.
Sunday 28th December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Sam Ekeanyanwu.