

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 21st September 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul

Week commencing 28th September 2025

Lilia Kibanoff (RIEP) - Jo Medrano

Dec'd members of the Church Choir - Julia Clarke

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 £603.50 of which £453.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £647.86 of which £126.00 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 16:1-13 In today's Gospel, we have the rich man and the dishonest steward. I would suggest that the rich man is God and we are the stewards of His gifts to us in this life. The steward is aware that his employment will shortly come to an end and he must give a full account to his employer. We enter this life naked and we leave this life naked. The only thing we take with us from this life is love: love of God and love of others. Everything we have in this life is a gift from God. We own nothing and everything is held by us in trust for God. At the end of our lives we each face an individual judgement. At this judgement we will have to give an account for the many gifts given to us in our lives.

The steward called his master's debtors one by one. He used money to buy favour with others and to ensure that he was welcomed into their homes at the end of his employment. Jesus was not commending the steward's dishonesty. He was commending his stewed resourcefulness. We should use money in love to ensure we are welcomed into our eternal home in heaven. It is through acts of love that we build our treasure in heaven. We should use our resources wisely so that they will serve for our good in eternity. In the words of Saint Theresa of Calcutta, 'Money is a means to do good and help those most in need in our world.'

WELLCOME: A big welcome to Fr Peter Udaya, who has joined our community.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: All volunteers holding a current DBS certificate are requested to attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday 28th September at 11.30am immediately after the 10.30am Mass. The meeting will take place in the Presbytery.

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Year 9 can apply for Mersea Island Gather Retreat 25th to 26th October via BCYS website. Login and set up an account ASAP.

Financial support available. Year 10 and above can register via BCYS website above for Lourdes in July 2026. We will help with funding raising. Please TEXT Julie Lee on 07949087427 for information or support.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR: Choir and guitar practices start back Monday 29th September. Any new people interested, please TEXT Julie Lee.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection at all Masses this weekend for 'Evangelii Gaudium Day'. The funds are used by the Bishop Conference of England & Wales to support Home Mission.

ROOF APPEAL: A big thank you for the parishioners who have generously donated to the cost of the new parish hall roof. If you would like to donate, please credit the parish bank account directly with the reference: ROOF. Fr Patrick.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting takes place at 7.00pm on Thursday 25th September 2025 in the Presbytery. New members welcome.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: Fr Patrick and Fr Peter will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference next week.

MASS INTENTIONS: There are now 2 full time priests in the Parish. Additional capacity is available. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 20th September 2025. <i>St Andrew Kim Toe-gon, & Companions, M.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Thanksgiving (Exams). Evan George.
Saturday 20th September 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 20th September 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 20th September 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 20th September 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 20th September 2025. <i>Vigil of The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Frank Burbidge Intentions. Katie.
Sunday 21st September 2025. <i>The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Haplin Family Intentions. Peter and Laura.

Sunday 21st September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary Pole & Breda Spring Intentions. Mary & Breda.
Monday 22nd September 2025.	9.00am	MASS: Edward Greda Intentions. Valdeck Greda.
Tuesday 23rd September 2025. <i>St Pius of Pietreicina, Pr.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: My Son's Intentions. Mitas.
Friday 26th September 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Julia Clarke & Family Intentions. (Birthday).
Saturday 27th September 2025. <i>St Vincent de Paul, Pr.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Rachel Stronithem & Family Nee Todd Intentions. Abbarchi Family.
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Sunday 28th September 2025. <i>The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Dec'd members of the Twyford Family. Paul Twyford.
Sunday 28th September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Ekeanyanwu & Family.