

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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1st Sunday in Lent (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 22nd February 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Trevor Clarke RIP - Julia

Commencing 1st March 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator - Family

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator - Family

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 £609.00 of which £483.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £568.90 of which £109.00 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 4:1-11 In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus enters the desert and fasts for forty days and nights. Jesus was preparing to commence His earthly ministry and mission. Jesus remained in prayer to His Father. At the end of this period, when His body would have been at its lowest point, He is subjected to the temptations of the devil. The devil tells Jesus to turn the stones into bread to prove that He is the Son of God. Jesus quotes from the Book of Deuteronomy in response: 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'. Next, the devil took Jesus to the holy city and made Him stand on the parapet of the Temple. The devil once again challenges Jesus to prove that He is the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus once again responds by quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test'. Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and offered to give Him all the kingdoms of the world, if He would only worship him. Jesus at this point dismisses the devil and replies with a final quote from the Book of Deuteronomy: 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone'. In Lent, Jesus invites us to join Him in the desert in a period of penance and renewal. We are invited to a greater participation in the life of Jesus Christ. To mortify oneself is to die to oneself, and the true follower of Christ must die to sin if they are to rise again as a new creation.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: Twelve Candidates and Catechumens will be travelling to meet Bishop Alan on Sunday 22nd February 2026, in preparation for their reception into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in Lent at 7.00pm. It is important that children experience this great Catholic tradition.

LOURDES FUND APPEAL: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. These funds support the sick on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: Bishop Alan will be presiding at the Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Light on 16th May 2026 at 11.00am, with priests from the Deanery. There will be a walking procession on the sea-front commencing at 10.00am. A reception will be held in the parish hall following the service. Please make a note in your diary.

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026.

Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

BCYS - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage (18-25 Jul 2026)

Applications are open online for this years' Lourdes pilgrimage for those in year 10 and above. You can find all information and the link to apply at www.bcys.net/events/sl26. As always, there is funding available for which we can provide advice and support. Please contact BCYS.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Danny Fitzgerald Dec'd will take place on Monday 23rd February at 11.45am. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Julie, his widow.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 21st February 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Ana, William & James Martin Intentions. Lynne.
Saturday 21st February 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 21st February 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 21st February 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 21st February 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 21st February 2026. <i>Vigil of the First Sunday in Lent A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Sarah, Tim, Grace, Larry & Elizabeth Cooper Intentions.
Sunday 22nd February 2026. <i>The First Sunday in Lent A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Thanksgiving. Daison & Family
Sunday 22nd February 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Sajin Family Intentions.
Monday 23rd February 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Charley, Laura & Ryan McDermott Intentions. Christina & Seamus.
Monday 23rd February 2026.	11.45am.	FUNERAL MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP.

Tuesday 24th February 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Relatives & Friends of Tim O'Donovan RIP. Catherine.
Wednesday 25th February 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Pat & Sandra Murray.
Thursday 26th February 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Patrick Daly's intentions. Pat & Sandra.
Friday 27th February 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Peter Udaya's intentions. Pat & Sandra.
Friday 27th February 2026.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 28th February 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.
Saturday 28th February 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28th February 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 28th February 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 28th February 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28th February 2026. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in Lent A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Reg Young RIP. Cooper Family.
Sunday 23rd February 2026. <i>The Second Sunday in Lent A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Christopher Bowland Intentions.
Sunday 23rd February 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Julia Clarke Intentions. Lynne.