

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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5th Sunday in Lent (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 22nd March 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

Commencing 29th March 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haught - Eileen Morley.

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 £599.00 of which £489.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £481.46 of which £76.00 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.

JOHN 11:1-45 In John's Gospel, we are told the story of the raising from the dead of Lazarus. Jesus told His disciples, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him". On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. Jesus meets Martha and tells her, "I AM the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die, Do you believe this"? In an act of total faith, Martha responds, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world". Using the term 'I AM', Jesus claimed the divine name revealed to Moses. Together with the sisters Martha and Mary, Jesus arrived at the tomb of Lazarus. Jesus commanded, "Take the stone away". Martha protested that the body would smell; this was the fourth day. Jesus lifted His eyes and said: "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I know indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for all those who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me". Jesus then cried out, "Lazarus here! Come out!" Lazarus came out of the tomb. Jesus tells them to, "Unbind him, let him go free". As the Father was to raise Jesus from the dead, so Jesus performed His greatest miracle in raising Lazarus from the dead.

We all must face the inescapable reality of our own death. Our faith in Jesus Christ gives us hope. Hope in the reality that we are loved totally by God. God, who sent His Only Son into the world to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins and to grant us eternal life. As Jesus called out Lazarus's name, He will also call out our name. Lazarus rose from the dead simply to face death all over again at the end of his mortal life. When we are raised from the dead in body and in soul, we will be raised for eternity. We will never have to face the prospect of any further death. We will look forward to eternal life, together with our loved ones, in the presence of the all loving and merciful God.

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.

SUNDAY DOCTRINAL & FAITH INSTRUCTION: Fr Peter will be leading instruction to existing Catholics on the knowledge of their faith:

- 4.00pm to 5.30pm Faith and Doctrinal Instruction & Sharing
- 5.30pm to 6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction.

All are invited.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 23rd May 2026: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please speak to Paul Twyford.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Monday 30th March – Lent Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday Mass 8.00pm

Friday 3rd April – Walk of Witness 10.00am (Commencing at Christmas Tree Island).

Friday 3rd April – The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Saturday 4th April – Polish Blessing of the food 12.00pm

Saturday 4th April – Easter Vigil 8.00pm

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day Mass 8.30am & 10.30am.

EASTER OFFERINGS: The Easter 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 'Easter' included in the reference details, the 'Easter Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Easter Masses. Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick & Fr Peter.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 21st March 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Family Intentions. Deirdre.
Saturday 21st March 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 21st March 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 21st March 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 21st March 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 21st March 2026. <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Jack White RIP. Reg & Ann Sims.
Sunday 22nd March 2026. <i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Sharon Hunt Intentions. Peter.
Sunday 22nd March	10.30am.	MASS: Bernie Michaels

2026.		Intentions. Brenda Herlihy.
Monday 23rd March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: John Connolly Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Tuesday 24th March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Emmanuel Olabanji Babalola Intentions. Ruphina.
Wednesday 25th March 2026. <i>The Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: David Hassen Intentions. Leontia Flanagan.
Thursday 26th March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Brian Naylor RIP. Ann Hyde.
Friday 27th March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Sharpe Family Intentions. Catherine.
Friday 27th March 2026.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley Intentions. John Henley.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28th March 2026. <i>Vigil of the Palm Sunday in Lent A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Cooper Family.
Sunday 29th March 2026. <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Aiden & James Leacy RIP. Anne.
Sunday 29th March 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbura.