

**Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth**  
***National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit***

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Come Holy Spirit, by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse. Amen.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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></p>
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C )**

**SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:**

*Week commencing 23th March 2025*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Pat (Queenie) Hughes RIP - Theresa & Family*

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*Week commencing 30th March 2025*

*Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Anthony William Walker Intentions - Angela & Gordon Cook.*

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**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](mailto: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 £649.00 of which £490.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £666.99 of which £128.00 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 13:1-9** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent. During Lent we are encouraged to contemplate the reality of our mortality, and the purpose of this short life that we all live. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells us twice: 'No; but unless you repent you will perish as they did'. Jesus referred to a group of Galileans slaughtered by Pilate and the men working on the tower of Siloam. Both groups experienced unexpected and sudden death. Jesus then gave the parable of the fig tree. This is an interpretation of the parable. The landowner had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. The landowner is God, and we are the fig trees. The man in the vineyard is Jesus Christ. God came looking for fruit on the fig tree but found none. The Landowner, finding no fruit, gives instructions for the fig tree to be cut down. The man asks that the fig tree be given one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down. Jesus Christ intercedes for us before God the Father. He intercedes to give us more time and opportunities to bear fruit in our lives.

This Gospel calls all to repentance. It speaks of the continuing patience of God with those who have not yet given evidence of their repentance. The original word used in the Gospel in Greek is metanoia. Metanoia is not just expressing sorrow for our sins. Metanoia is a whole change of direction, centering our lives on the person of Jesus Christ.

The most perfect way to show repentance is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we are reconciled to our God of love, we are able to express His love to others. We are able to produce the fruit of love in our lives. There will be a Reconciliation Service with visiting priests at this church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Bishop Alan Williams will be celebrating Holy Mass in celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am. This is a very special event for the parish.

**HOMELESS:** Appeal for blankets and sleeping bags. Leave at the back of the church.

**COFFEE, CAKE & BOOK SALE:** St Charles Hall on Saturday 26th April at 10.30am. Proceeds to support 2 young people wanting to help the disabled in Lourdes this summer and the need to raise funds for travel.

**GIFT-AID ENVELOPES:** 2025 gift-aid envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church. If you are a taxpayer, and not in the gift-aid scheme, please join

immediately. It costs you nothing and helps the parish meet its bills. Simply send an email to [giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org](mailto:giftaid-clacton@brcdt.org)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Saturday 24th May 2025 Join Bishop Alan and the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. 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. Please put your name and telephone number in an envelope marked "Walsingham" with £25 per ticket and give it to the one of Church Stewards at Mass. No charge for accompanied children. Contact Paul Twyford 01255 666213

**ST PATRICK'S DANCE:** A big thank you to Pat Murray, Eugene Mullins and helpers for organising the event. The dance raised £750.00 towards the new hall roof. Everybody attending enjoyed themselves. Thank you all for your support.

### **EASTER SERVICES**

Monday 14th April	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.30pm
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday Mass	8.00pm
Friday 18th April	Walk of Witness	10.00am
Friday 18th April	The Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Saturday 19th April	Polish Blessing of the food	12.00pm
Saturday 19th April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day Mass	8.30am
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day Mass	10.30am.

### **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

Saturday 22nd March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Saturday 22nd March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 22nd March 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 22nd March 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 22nd March 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 22nd March 2025. <i>Vigil of Third Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Joan Connor RIP. Margaret Geale.
Sunday 23rd March 2025. <i>Third Sunday in Lent. (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Irene, Paul & Family.
Sunday 23rd March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Ana, William & James Martin Intentions.

Sunday 23rd March 2025	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Reggie Sparks
Monday 24th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Tuesday 25th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions.
Wednesday 26th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Souls of Dixon Family RIP.
Thursday 27th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Lane Family RIP. Doreen Lane.
Friday 28th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Tom McUllock RIP Mary Cole.
Friday 28th March 2025.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 29th March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Fr Jim RIP Doreen Lane.
Saturday 29th March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 29th March 2025. <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Mary & Viv Carter Intentions. Paul Twyford.
Sunday 30th March 2025. <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent.(C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: David Murray RIP Brendan Herlihy.
Sunday 30th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Paul Twyford.
Sunday 30th March 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Zion Mudiyansele.