

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 24th August 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Victor Babalola Intentions - Ruphine Babalola

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: John Coyne RIP Anniversary - Teresa

Week Commencing 31st August 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Aiden Hughes RIP - The Byrne Family

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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

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 £358.00 of which £233.00 was gift aided.

- Cash Offerings £644.14 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.

LUKE 13:22-30: In today's Gospel, someone asks Jesus, "Sir, will there be only a few saved"? Jesus replied, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed". What did Jesus mean when he said that we should enter by the narrow door? In John 14:6, Jesus tells us, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me'. Jesus is the narrow door into heaven. Jesus died on the Cross in order to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven in order to show us the narrow way to the Father.

Jesus tells us that 'many will try to enter and will not succeed'. We should not assume our salvation into heaven. We should not take our eternal destination lightly. Our life on earth is a preparation for our eternal life. God has given each of us the gift of freewill. We can accept or reject our salvation.

Jesus goes on to say. "Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us', but he will answer, 'I do not know where you come from'. At the point of our death, our eternal destination is decided – we are destined to spend our eternal life with God or to spend eternity in the absence of God. There is no coming back to this life. Jesus will say to those you have rejected Him in their lives, 'I do not know where you come from'. He will say to some: 'you had other priorities in your lives that did not include me'. 'You chose other gods rather than me'. He will say, 'Away from me, all you wicked men'!

We should not fear death or God's judgement. Our God is a God of total and absolute love. He gave His Only Son to be the means of the salvation of humanity. Jesus Christ will be our final judge. He is also the means of our salvation. We must embrace Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives and the means of our salvation. If Jesus is to know us, we must make every effort to know Him. To know Jesus in prayer, in Scriptures, in love of others, in the Sacraments and most especially in the Holy Eucharist – the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 1st September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025/26: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2026, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on 6th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the

new programme and to accept applications. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year. God Bless Fr Patrick.

BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS: Will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7.00pm and will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please support this event.

COMMUNITY GATHERING: We warmly invite all parishioners of African origin worshipping at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, to kindly remain after 10.30am Sunday Mass for our first community gathering on Sunday the 14th September 2025 at 11.50am in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and begin building a strong, supportive community within our parish.

Sampson Ekeanyanwu 07539817089.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: There will be a meeting of all volunteers on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 11.30am in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10.30am Mass.

BRASS CLEANING: Please may I have volunteers to complete the Church Brass Cleaning immediately after the 9.00am Mass on Friday 29th August 2025, in preparation for the Bishop's Visitation. Thank you. Fr Patrick

FUNERAL: The funeral of Gordon Duncan Dec'd will take place on Friday 29th August 2025. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 23rd August 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Christy Freyne & Philip Freyne RIP. Tim.
Saturday 23rd August 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 23rd August 2025	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 23rd August 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 23rd August 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 23rd August 2025. <i>Vigil of Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time C.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Jessie Howe Intentions. Marie Kelly.
Sunday 24th August 2025. <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Michael Sullivan RIP. Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 24th August 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions. Tara.

Monday 25th August 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Patricia Broadbent RIP. Sandra & Pat.
Tuesday 26th August 2025	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Rathe Intentions. Bill Walsh.
Friday 29th August 2025. <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: John Farrell RIP. Angela Farrell.
Friday 29th August 2025.	12.00pm.	FUNERAL MASS: Gordon Duncan RIP.
Saturday 30th August 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: David Mathew Intentions. Manual & Family.
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Saturday 30th August 2025. <i>Vigil of Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Benedict Delly Intentions. (Birthday) Julitta Oseghale.
Sunday 31st August 2025. <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Antoni & Matylda Delikator RIP. Family.
Sunday 31st August 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Eleanyanwu's Family.
Sunday 31st August 2025.	3.00pm.	WEDDING: Joe Quiruga & Faye Connor.