

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Word of God.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 25th January 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Joan Todd (Birthday) RIP - Julia Clarke

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Joan Todd (Birthday) RIP - Julia Clarke

Commencing 1st February 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Sera Deady RIP - Her Friends

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Sera Deady RIP - Her Friends.

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 £398.00 of which £243.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £684.09 of which £112.10 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 4:12-23 In today's Gospel from Matthew, we are told that John the Baptist had been arrested by the Tetrarch Herod Antipas. John's ministry was over, and he would shortly face his martyrdom. The time had come for Jesus to commence His ministry of the proclamation of the Good News and the arrival of the Kingdom of God. Jesus left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphthali. Jesus began His ministry by preaching the message, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". Jesus' call to repentance is not simply a call for regret for our sins. Jesus's call to repentance demands the humility to acknowledge that we are sinners. It demands a complete change of heart and direction in our lives. It demands that we direct our lives only to God. Jesus tells brothers Simon and Andrew to, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men'. The two brothers 'left their nets at once and followed him'. They both made a complete turn and directed their lives entirely to Christ. They were followed by the brothers James and John. Jesus with His disciples went around the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases. This was the mission of Jesus and His followers and it is now our mission. We are to repent and proclaim the Good News. The Good News that God the Father sent His Only Son into the world to be the means of our salvation.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Reginald Young Dec'd will take place on Wednesday 28th January at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

MISSIO RED BOXES: The Parish collected £1638.38 in 2025 towards Missio and the support of the Church in the developing world. A big thank you to Manual and Barbara, and all who have supported Missio. Fr Patrick Daly, Dioscesan Director for Missio.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA: Lenten Day of Reflection on the theme of the Body of Christ - 7th March at St Teresa's Lexden The day includes a documentary on the Shroud of Turin, an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation and how to play a role building up the Church in our daily lives. A packed lunch is needed and

refreshments are available. Donations will support them locally. To confirm a place, please call/text George on 07476 781885.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 24th January 2026. St Frances de Sales, Bp, D.	9.30am	MASS: Lizy Damien Intentions. Lizy Damien.
Saturday 24th January 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 24th January 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 24th January 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 24th January 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 24th January 2026. <i>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Tania & Bill Hunt Intentions. Margaret Cassidy.
Sunday 25th January 2026. <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: John & Carmel 65th Wedding Anniversary. Eugene Mullin.
Sunday 25th January 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Alan Mowle Intentions. Harry Killen.
Monday 26th January 2026. <i>Ss Timothy & Titus Bps</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Peter Udaya Intentions. Lindsey.
Tuesday 27th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Patrick Daly Intentions. Lindsey.
Wednesday 28th January 2026. <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Pr D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Michael & Bina McDermott & Family Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Wednesday 28th January 2026.	11.00am.	FUNERAL MASS: Reginald Young Dec'd.

Thursday 29th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Sheila Tresham Dec'd Julia Clarke.
Friday 30th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Bernadette & Ollie Faherty & Family Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Saturday 31st January 2026. <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am	MASS: Catherine Baudain Intentions (Birthday) Angela Cook.
Saturday 31st January 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 31st January 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 31st January 2026. <i>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Kathleen Kavanagh RIP. Margaret Kavenagh
Sunday 1st February 2026. <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: John & Mary Sullivan RIP. Fiona Smith.
Sunday 1st February 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: The Lee Family Intentions. Harry Killen.