

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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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></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;"><i>Daily Offering of myself to Jesus through Mary.</i></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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 1st June 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Tara Headley

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Paul Twyford & Family - Tara

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 £569.00 of which £535.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £685.23 of which £107.00 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.

John 14:23-29 In the Gospel from John, Jesus is speaking to His disciples at the Last Supper immediately before His arrest and passion. Jesus speaks of our relationship with the Blessed Trinity. Through our baptism, we have become sons and daughters of God the Father, temples of the Holy Spirit, and members of the Body of Christ. Our whole lives both in this world and the next are in deep relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Jesus speaks of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would come at Pentecost following Christ's ascension into heaven. As Jesus left this world to return to His Father, the Father sent through Jesus the Advocate. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and they were transformed into people without fear of this world. They received the peace that only Jesus can give us. The Church was born.

The purpose of this life is to grow in ever closer union with the Blessed Trinity. It is to enter the very life of God. The Holy Trinity is a relationship of total, complete, and perfect love. We accomplish this union at the end of this life when we enter a state called heaven.

We are glad that Jesus has returned to His Father in heaven. Jesus has not abandoned us.

He continues to intercede for us at the right-hand of His Father. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Church, we are given the Holy Sacraments. Each Sacrament is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. This is true of all the Sacraments but most especially the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist we receive Jesus Christ Himself in His body and blood. When we consume Christ, we become what we consume. We incrementally are transformed into other Christs. We assume an ever-growing relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT I am writing to formally invite you and your families to attend the celebration of the Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am with Bishop Alan. I will be commencing a personal pilgrimage walk from the Brentwood Cathedral on Monday 26th May 2025. The final leg of the walk will be completed on Saturday 31st May 2025, commencing at the Martello Tower (F) on the Marine Parade West at 10.00am. This is the site of the early Mission Masses in the parish. Those who wish to join me on the final half-mile part of the pilgrimage walk, are invited to meet at the Martello Tower at 10.00am.

I am requesting that all who attend the Mass to please bring at least one flower with them to place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Light at the beginning of

the Service. You will be invited to bring forward your flowers. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall, with games available for children in the presbytery garden. All are welcome to attend the reception. The Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee Year 2025 will be available to those attending, who complete a prayer for the Pope's Leo's intentions, and receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the Feast Day. May is the month of Mary and a wonderful time to celebrate this Feast Day. We are honoured to have Bishop Alan join us for this special occasion.

APPEAL FOR HOME MADE CAKES: Please may I have some home made cakes for the reception following the Feast of Our Lady of Light Mass. The hall will be open at 9.00am on Saturday 31st May. Please drop off the cakes before 11.00am. Thank you. Fr Patrick

BINGO & RAFFLE: Immediately after the Sunday 10.30 Mass this Sunday. £3 per game or two games for £5.00. Funds being raised to assist two young people in our parish to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July as helpers to the sick. If you are unable to attend and wish to make a contribution, please put the money in an envelope marked 'Lourdes' and place it in the collection.

SATURDAY 24TH MAY: There will be no services in the church. The Parish will be on pilgrimage to Walsingham.

CALAIS LIGHT: Mary Stretch, CEO of Calais Light will be speaking at all Masses on Sunday 25th May. Her charity is helping refugees here in Clacton to feel welcome, learn English and integrate into our community, and how you can help! Come, let's be neighbours not strangers!

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday 29th May is The Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm. The Mass on the Solemnity will be at 9.00am.

FR PATRICK: Will be completing the pilgrimage walk from Brentwood Cathedral next week commencing on Monday 26th May. Fr Stewart will be covering in his absence.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses during the weekend 31st May/1st June. The funds will be used by the Bishop's Conference for Catholic communications.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 24th May 2025.	NO SERVICES	NO SERVICES
Sunday 25th May 2025. <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> (C)	8.30am.	MASS: Anthony & Matylda Delika Intentions. Family.

Sunday 25th May 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP. Kandiah & Deady Family.
Tuesday 27th May 2025. St Augustine of Canterbury, Bp.	9.00am	MASS: Joyu John Intentions.
Wednesday 28th May 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Carter RIP Angela Carter.
Wednesday 28th May 2025. Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord (C)	7.00pm	MASS: Theresa & Brian McCarron Intentions. Brian, Theresa & Family.
Thursday 29th May 2025. The Ascension of the Lord (C)	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Corry RIP Ivan & Valerie Ross.
Friday 30th May 2025. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	9.00am.	MASS: Brynn Revell Intentions. Lee Family.
Saturday 31st May 2025. Feast of Our Lady of Light.	11.00am.	MASS: People of the Parish.
Saturday 31st May 2025. <i>Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)</i> .	6.00pm.	MASS: Moira & Ronan McCarron Intentions. Brian, Theresa & Family.
Sunday 1st June May 2025. <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Halina & Bogdan Holeszowki Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 1st June 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Jean O'Sullivan RIP Kevin McArdle.