

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

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 26th April 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terrence & Tara Headley Intentions

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 £437.00 of which £422.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £617.91 of which £75.00 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 10:1-10 This Sunday is 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' or Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for vocations to the Priesthood and for the personal vocation of every Christian. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells us that He is the Shepherd of the flock and the gate of the sheepfold. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and the only way to the Father. We are to know His voice and to follow Him. To follow Jesus, is to live our vocation in this life. Jesus shows us that to live life to the full is to live a life of service and love. Every Christian needs to ask, 'What does God want me to be? What are my gifts? How can I offer these gifts in the service of the wider community and to my own Christian community?' Our Christian communities can only grow that thrive when every member makes his or her contribution to the well-being of the whole.

Jesus calls some to the special vocation of Holy Orders. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood. A priest leads a community and acts in the person of Jesus Christ in the Holy Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Without priests there cannot be a Church. Vocations Sunday challenges each one of us to reflect on how we personally are responding to the call that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is making to each of us right now.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING: All those able to help with Our Lady of Light's Feast Day please meet in the hall immediately after the Sunday 10.30am Mass this weekend.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: Our Parish has the privilege of hosting the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit. 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.

GIFTAID ENVELOPES: The new envelopes for the new tax year are available at the back of the Church. Please collect your box of envelopes.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 25th April Quiz Night in St Charles hall. Gifts of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Come with a team of up to 6 or just ask to be allocated to a team on arrival. Bring your own food and drinks and look forward to a fun night out. Details from Linda 07799 104874 or Paul 07970 619053

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 23rd May 2026. £30.00 per seat. To reserve seats on the coach, please put the money in a sealed envelope and write your name and telephone number on the outside with the number of seats requested. The envelope should be placed in the

secure black drop box in the sacristy. Meet in the car park at 7.45am with departure at 8.00am. Bring packed lunch and drinks as there are limited facilities in Walsingham. Full information available from Paul Twyford 07970619053.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Commencing this weekend at the 10.30pm Sunday Mass. The children will be invited to participate in their own liturgy during school term times. The children will leave the Mass at the Penitential Rite and return at the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The child may be accompanied by a parent or carer. Please give this initiative your support.

STREET EVANGELISM: Starting 9th May, every Saturday, 1:30pm, Clacton Town Square. "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." — Mark 16:15. Join us as we share the joy of the Gospel through a gentle, one-on-one approach. Our aim is to listen, pray, and chat with our local community in a spirit of friendship. No experience necessary — we work as a team and support one another! Please message Richard 07821813094 or just scan to join our WhatsApp group!

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from Bernadette Fisher, the Director at Brentwood Catholic Children's Society thanking the parish for the Christmas Grib donation of £235.30.

VACANCY: Headteacher at St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School in Colchester - closing date 5th May 2026. Contact mariashepherd@brcdt.org for details.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 25th April 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Brian Naylor RIP. Barbara De La Nougerede.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	1.15pm.	WEDDING: Sean Brown & Tracey Sibley.
Saturday 25th April 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: May Doyle Intentions. Alison.

Sunday 26th April 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Alison Spooner Intentions. Alison.
Sunday 26th April 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.
Monday 27th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Joyce Wichert RIP S. Wichert.
Tuesday 28th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Wedding Anniversary Intentions. Gipson & Elizabeth.
Wednesday 29th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Kevin & Bridget Connolly & Family. Christina & Seamus Connolly.
Thursday 30th April 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Paul Twyford.
Friday 1st May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Julia Flanagan RIP. Leontia Flanagan.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	9.30am	MASS: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudins Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 3rd May 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Aleah Lylas & Chilleen Castillo Intentions. Felisa Tuason.
Sunday 3rd May 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: John Murray RIP Fe, Lynne, Marina & Family.