

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;"><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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday of the Word of God.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 26th January 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Rose Twyford RIP - Paul

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Mary Tomlin Intentions

Week commencing 2nd February 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Serena Deady RIP - Theresa & Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Serena Deady RIP - Theresa & Family.

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. The parish bank details are:

Bank Title: Catholic Church Clacton-on-Sea

Sort Code 401322 Account Number: 41020463.

Members of the gift-aid scheme should quote their name and Gift Aid number in the Reference. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £353.00 of which £300.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £658.98 of which £157.00 was gift aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings, and for your support of the Parish. Fr Patrick.

LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21 The Gospel today asks us the question: who Jesus is and what is his mission? Saint Luke tells us that 'Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in Him, returned to Galilee'. Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit; His whole life and His whole mission were carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit, whom the Father gave without measure.

We are told that Jesus went to Nazara to attend His local synagogue and read from Holy Scripture. The community would have personally known Jesus and His family. Jesus read from Isaiah 61:

'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'.

The word Christ means 'Messiah', the one anointed by God's Spirit. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed one of God. The Good News is that God the Father has sent His only Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, into the world. Jesus Christ's mission was to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. To achieve this, He died a humiliating death on a cross. Jesus Christ through the sacrifice of His body has reconciled the world to God. Through His resurrection we are freed from the sentence of death and offered eternal life. This is the Good News – our sins are forgiven, and we are granted eternal life!

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES: Limited supply available at the back of the church. £3.20 each. Money to be placed in the 'Repository Books' box.

FUNERAL: The funeral of Elizabeth Hallahan will take place on Friday 31st January 2025. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Open to anyone year 10 and above. Financial support available. Application deadline 31st January 2025. Go to www.bcys.net/events

REPOSITORY: We will be shortly placing an order for Easter. If you would like any item currently not available, please enter the details on the order list at the back of the church.

MISSIO: The Parish donated £1,655.76 to Missio in 2024 through the Red Boxes. A big thank you to Manual Francis and Barbara De La Nougerede, our Parish Missio Secretaries, and to all for their donations.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 25th January 2025. The Conversion of Paul, Ap.	9.30am.	MASS: Alan Mowles Intentions. Harry.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 25th January 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 25th January 2025. <i>Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Sandra & Pat Murray Intentions.
Sunday 26th January 2025. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).	8.30am.	MASS: Phil & Connie Sharp Intentions. Catherine.
Sunday 26th January 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Kathleen Cavanagh. Margaret Cavanagh.
Sunday 26th January 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Liam Kelly.
Monday 27th January 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Josey Abraham RIP. Mini Joseph.

Tuesday 28th January 2025. <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Rev Raymond Donnelly Intentions. Pat & Sandra Murray.
Friday 31st January 2025. <i>St John Bosco, Pr.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Ann Baker Intentions. James Murphy.
Friday 31st January 2025.	11.00am.	FUNERAL MASS: Betty Hallahan RIP.
Saturday 1st February 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
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Saturday 1st February 2025. <i>Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine Baudains Intentions (Birthday). Angela Cook.
Sunday 2nd February 2025. <i>The Presentation of the Lord (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Colm & Quinella Intentions (Wedding) Joan.
Sunday 2nd February 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary & John Sullivan Intentions. Fiona Smith.
Sunday 2nd February 2025.	2.00pm.	BAPTISM: Bley Scrawthorn.