

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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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 28th December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Abbarchi Family Intentions - Lindsey

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Terence & Tara Headley

Week Commencing 4th January 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Terence Headley Intentions - Tara

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bogdan & Halina Holeszowska. Week

Commencing 11th January 2026

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Raphael , Damien & Gabriel - Leontia Hanna

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Matt & Julia Flanagan - Leontia Hanna

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 £381.00 of which £297.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £528.30 of which £116.00 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.

MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19.23 Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel tells us after the Magi had departed, Joseph was warned in a dream to 'Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt. Joseph immediately got up and took Mary and Jesus to the safety of Egypt. The Holy Family became the Holy Refugees.

The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families. Joseph was entrusted with God's most precious gifts to humanity. The gift of His Son and His Mother. The family is a sacred institution established by God. God Himself chose to enter humanity through a poor and simple family. God obtained His humanity through the Blessed Virgin Mary. We obtain our humanity and the foundations of our faith through our families. The Holy family as a reflection of the Blessed Trinity shows us how we are to live in families of love. The Holy family expresses the joy of a life lived for the other rather than for oneself. The Holy family teaches us the joy of a life surrendered completely to God in total faith and trust. At the heart of the Holy Family is found Jesus Christ – our Lord and redeemer. We have no better model for a Christian family.

SVP SENIORS MEAL: All seniors invited to the annual Christmas Lunch on 11th January 2026. Entertainment and bingo. There is a £5.00 reservation fee. If you would like to attend, please place your name, telephone number and £5.00 in an envelope, and place it in the box provided at the back of the church. Donations for raffle prizes would be welcome.

NEW YEAR PARTY: New Years eve party 7.30 till just past midnight. Families welcome, individuals welcome, couples open to all. A lovely get together of disco music which you can also request your favourites. Bring your own snacks and drinks, alcohol or soft drink, teas & coffees available free. £10 per adult under 18s free. Enjoy with your parish family. Text Julie Lee 07949087427 if you need tickets at any time. Or Peter McManamon.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all parishioners for your Christmas cards, presents, generous offerings and all your prayers from Fr Patrick and Fr Peter.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday 6th January is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and a Holyday of obligation. There will be Masses at 9.00am and 7.00pm.

FR PATRICK: Will be away from Monday 29th December 2025 to Monday 12th January 2026. Fr Peter will be covering the parish during his absence.

CAFOD: I have received a letter from Michelle Oakford, Head of Support Relations, thanking the Parish for a donation of £38.00.

LOURDES WITH THE DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across the Diocese in Lourdes next summer from Friday 17th to Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will be shortly available.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 27th December 2025. <i>St John, Ap, Ev.</i>	9.30am	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudain Intentions. Angela Cook.
Saturday 27th December 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 27th December 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 27th December 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 27th December 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 27th December 2025. <i>Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Andrews RIP. Theresa & Family.
Sunday 28th December 2025. <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family.
Sunday 28th December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Sam Ekeanyanwu.

Monday 29th December 2025. <i>St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp. M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: William Stanley RIP. M O Kare
Tuesday 30th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Harold Bonus RIP. Mary.
Wednesday 31st December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Charlie Patel RIP. Brian Madge.
Thursday 1st January 2026. <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Noreen Kavanagh Intentions. May & Family.
Friday 2nd January 2026. <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp. Dd.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions.
Saturday 3rd January 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Fr Anthony Spooner RIP. Alison Spooner.
Saturday 3rd January 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 3rd January 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 3rd January 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 3rd January 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 3rd January 2026. <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday after the Nativity.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Bill Green Rip. Cooper & Gregory Family.
Sunday 4th January 2026. <i>Second Sunday after the Nativity.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 4th January 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Noreen Kavanagh Intentions. Bryne Family.

Monday 5th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Dec'd Members of O'Neil & Gallagher Family.
Tuesday 6th January 2026. <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.</i>	9.00am. Holyday of Obligation.	MASS: Dec'd members of Duff & Murphy Family.
Tuesday 6th January 2026. <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7.00pm	MASS: Julia Clarke Intentions. Lindsey.
Wednesday 7th January 2026. <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions.
Thursday 8th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Tomlin & Family Intentions. Lindsey.
Friday 9th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary Pearce Intentions. Lindsey.
Saturday 10th January 2026.	9.30am	MASS: John & Maura Sheerin RIP.
Saturday 10th January 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 10th January 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 10th January 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 10th January 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 10th January 2026. Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord A	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret & Derrick Burbridge Intentions. Katie.
Sunday 11th January 2026. The Baptism of the Lord A	8.30am.	MASS: Doris Bott RIP. Janet Healy.

Sunday 11th January 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. Tim.
Monday 12th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Margaret O'Brien Intentions. Lindsey.
Tuesday 13th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Audrey Morgan RIP. Tara.
Wednesday 14th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Jackie Lowry & Family. Margaret Cassidy.
Thursday 15th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: St Martins De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbua.
Friday 16th January 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Friday 16th January 2026.	1.00pm.	FUNERAL: Rita Stone Dec'd.