

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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Palm Sunday (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 29th March 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haught - Eileen Morley.

Commencing 5th April 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley.

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 £292.00 of which £228.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £615.83 of which £96.00 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.

MATTHEW 26:14-27:66 On this day, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish His Pascal Mystery. We recall the Messianic entrance and the Passion of the Lord. This is the commencement of Holy Week. This is the week in which we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ from his Passion and death, to the glory of His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. We by His grace are partakers of the Cross, in order that we may also have a share in his Resurrection and in His life. Though innocent, Jesus suffered willingly for our sins. His death has washed away our sins and His Resurrection has purchased our eternal life.

Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, entered into humanity through the action of the Holy Spirit and the consent of Blessed Virgin Mary to pay the price for our sins. This was His Mission. He came to do the will of the Father. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins for the world.

We are told by scriptural scholars that in ancient times, palm leaves were seen as a symbol of victory and were often displayed in great celebrations of success over the enemy. The early Christians adopted the sign of the palm leaf to represent the victory won by Christ over the evils of sin and death. This is why the early martyrs were said to have received the palm of martyrdom. As we celebrate the Church's great liturgies this week in remembrance of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, let us not forget the great victory won for us by Our Saviour and Lord – Jesus Christ. The same Jesus Christ we receive in the Holy Eucharist: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT: 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.

SUNDAY DOCTRINAL & FAITH INSTRUCTION: The next session will be led by Fr Peter on Sunday 12th April 2026.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 23rd May 2026: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds

of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please speak to Paul Twyford.

EASTER OFFERINGS: The Easter offerings are your personal gift to the Parish Priests. It is also an important part of their annual income. Only the following qualifies for the personal offering: Electronic payments with the word 'Easter' included in the reference details, the 'Easter Offering' gift-aid envelopes, and cash placed in the collection at the Easter Masses. Private gifts welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Fr Patrick & Fr Peter.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 28th March 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley Intentions. John Henley.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 28th March 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 28th March 2026. <i>Vigil of the Palm Sunday in Lent A.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Cooper Family.
Sunday 29th March 2026. <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Aiden & James Leacy RIP. Anne.
Sunday 29th March 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: St Martin De Porrest of Lima. Emmanuel Ogbura.
Monday 30th March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Dominic & Mary Henley RIP. John Henley.

Monday 30th March 2026.	7.00pm.	LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE.
Tuesday 31st March 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions. John Henley.
Wednesday 1st April 2026.	7.00pm.	MASS: Repose of the Souls of Dixon Family.
Thursday 2nd April 2026.	8.00pm.	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. Birthday. Joju John.
Friday 3rd April 2026.	3.00pm.	THE PASSION OF THE LORD.
Saturday 4th April 2026.	11.00am.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 4th April 2026.	12.00pm.	MASS: POLISH BLESSING OF THE FOOD.
Saturday 4th April 2026.	8.00pm.	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT. Parishioners of the Parish.
Sunday 5th April 2026. <i>Easter Sunday A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Martin Mullins Intentions. Eugene Mullins.
Sunday 5th April 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Fr Peter Udaya Intentions. Lynne.