

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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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

Sunday of the Word of God.

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 2nd February 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Serena Deady RIP - Theresa & Family

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

Week commencing 2nd February 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Damian Hanna - (Mum)

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Gabriel Hanna - (Mum)

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 £133.00 of which £90.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £505.27 of which £93.50 was gift aided.

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

LUKE 2:22-40 In the Gospel from Luke, we are told that Joseph and Mary took their Son Jesus to be purified in the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. The Law states that every first-born son must be consecrated to God. This was done 40 days after his birth. The mother of the child was also to be purified following the birth through the offering of a lamb. This family was not able to afford a lamb but offered the alternative of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. This Feast day was originally called 'The Purification of Our Lady'. The devout man Simeon and the prophetess Anna give witness to the baby's true identity. Jesus is the light to the nations. He is the Messiah, the anointed one of God. Simeon also gives Mary a warning that her love of the child will bring about great personal pain and cost. A sword will pierce her very own soul.

When we were children, we were taken to a church to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism we became temples of the Holy Spirit and Members of the Body of Christ. We were anointed with the Oil of Chrism and became sharers in the Priesthood, Kingship and Prophecy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The priest or deacon would have taken a light from the Paschal Candle and would have given it to our parents with the words, 'Receive the light of Christ'. As Jesus Christ is the light to the nations, we are commanded to carry the light of Christ to the world. We are to share God's love and mercy to this world.

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 following funerals will be taking place next week:

- Monday 3rd February 2025 - Heather Lloyd Dec'd
- Friday 7th February 2025 - Maureen Hughes Dec'd.

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their grieving families.

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.

THANK YOU: I have received a letter from Adrian Gannon, Director, at Stella Maris thanking the parish for the recent donation of £321.17.

ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP: Appealing for volunteers age 17+ to help with the Camp during the week at the end of July 2025. For training and DBS requirements go to www.boscocamp.co.uk.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 1st February 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Saturday 1st February 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 1st February 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 1st February 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 1st February 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
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: Bleu Scrawthorn.
Monday 3rd February 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Ana Martin.
Tuesday 4th February 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Fr Gerard McSorley Intentions. Pat & Sandra Murray.
Friday 7th February 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Rev Alfred Swaby RIP.
Friday 7th February 2025.	11.00am.	FUNERAL MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP
Saturday 8th February 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Dominic & Jennifer Intentions. Pat & Sandra Murray.
Saturday 8th February 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 8th February 2025. <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Anne Tobin Intentions. Marcella.
Sunday 9th February 2025. <i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Maria Alba Intentions. Hanna.
Sunday 9th February 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Serena Deady RIP. Deady & Kandiah Family.