

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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

(Day for the unemployed)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 2nd March 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator - Family

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Antoni & Matylda Delikator - Family

Week commencing 9th March 2025:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: LILIA Kibanoff RIEP - Jo Medrano

Our Lady of Light Chapel: LILIA Kibanoff RIEP - Jo Medrano

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. Funds received last week:

- Standing Order Offerings £222.00 of which £178.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £515.60 of which £110.00 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.

LUKE 6:39-45 In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us 'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own'? This appears to be a ridiculous statement that a person could be walking about with a plank of wood in their eye and be commenting about a splinter in the eye of another person! At the heart of this Gospel is our personal relationship with God. If our relationship with God is alive and well, our relationships with other people will also be good. If we have a poor relationship with God, it will adversely affect all the other relationships in our lives.

We are commanded to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. In loving God, we acknowledge our true state before God. God is the all-powerful and all loving creator of everything in the Cosmos, including ourselves. We can only ever approach God on our knees acknowledging our weakness and sinfulness. Despite our unfaithfulness and selfishness, God loves us totally. God never withdraws His love from us. Out of love for us, God sent His Only Son into the world to die on a cross to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. There is no sin that cannot be forgiven by God through the death of His Son. If God does not condemn and judge us for our faults, how can we possibly in all fairness, point out the faults of others in our lives? The key to our relationships with others is our relationship with God.

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.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 15th March. Great entertainment with Ceili dancing with live music and DJ. Bring your own food and drink. Tea and coffee free. 7.00pm to 11.00pm by ticket only £10 per head from Eugene Mullin and Pat Murray. Funds towards the new hall roof.

SUNDAY DIVINE OFFICE AND ROSARY: You are invited to pray Lauds at 10:00 every Sunday before Mass (at our Sacred Heart Shrine), connecting the faithful to the Church's official daily prayer, cultivating gratitude and devotion while preparing hearts for the Eucharist. The Rosary will be said after Mass at Our Lady Shrine allows the community to honour Mary and seek her intercession.

HYGIENE STANDARDS HALL KITCHEN: The parish recently received a visit from the Tendring District Hygiene Officer to inspect the kitchen in the parish hall. The kitchen is subject to the Food Safety Act 1990 and the General Food Law Regulations 2019. In order to maintain the necessary standards the kitchen must receive a deep-clean on a monthly basis including washing the floor and surfaces, clearing out old food and cleaning the fridge. I am requesting a new team of volunteers to complete this task for the parish. If we do not complete this monthly maintenance, the kitchen will have to be closed to all users. Please contact Paul Twyford on 07970619053. Any volunteer work we do for the parish, we do for God. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

FUNERALS: The funeral of Margaret Salmon will take place on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 1.15pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 5th March 2025. Ashes available at the 9.00am Mass and 7.00pm Mass.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 1st March 2025. Feast of St David, Bp.	9.30am.	MASS: Terence & Tara Headley Intentions.
Saturday 1st March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 1st March 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 1st March 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 1st March 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 1st March 2025. <i>Vigil of Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Family & Friends Intentions. Eileen Morley.
Sunday 2nd March 2025. <i>The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Jenny Cotter RIP. Cotter Family.
Sunday 2nd March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Christy Freyne Intentions. Tim.

Monday 3rd March 2025. St Anne Line, M.	9.00am.	MASS: Sonia Damien Intentions. Lizzy Damien
Monday 3rd March 2025.	1.15pm.	FUNERAL: Margaret Salmon RIP.
Tuesday 4th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Emily Lambert (Exams). Nanny Ann Ayton.
Wednesday 5th March 2025. Ash Wednesday.	9.00am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan Intentions.
Wednesday 5th March 2025. Ash Wednesday.	7.00pm.	MASS: Ann Conlon RIP. Eugene Mullin.
Thursday 6th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Evelyn Downes Intentions. Her Sister.
Friday 7th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Colin William Clarke Intentions. Margaret Geale.
Saturday 8th March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: June Catchpole RIP. Margaret Geale.
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Saturday 8th March 2025. <i>Vigil of First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Katie (Altar Server) & Family Intentions. Cooper Family.
Sunday 9th March 2025. <i>First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Vera Sweeney RIP. Maureen Clow & Family.
Sunday 9th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Emmanuel Babalola Intentions. Raphina Babalola.