

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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1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 30th November 2025

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

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

Week Commencing 7th December 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP, May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Byrne RIP, May, Noel, Theresa & Pauline

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 £283.00 of which £81.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £508.18 of which £121.00 was gift aided.
- BCYS £410.93 of which £44.00 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 24:37-44 Today, we celebrate the First Sunday in Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'Coming' and it is given to this time of year because during Advent we are called to prepare spiritually for both the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and for His return in glory and judgement at the end of time. We are called to consider and to prepare for our own judgement.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells us that 'we will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'. We are to 'stand erect; hold our heads high, because our liberation is near at hand'. Jesus is speaking of the Parousia: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Only at the Second Coming will the Kingdom of God be fully completed on earth. In the Second Coming, death and sin will be destroyed forever.

We may not be alive at the Second Coming, but we cannot avoid our personal judgement at the time of our own death. We should not fear judgement from Jesus Christ because He is both our Saviour and Judge. He endured the perfect sacrifice of the Cross in order that we may be forgiven our sins and granted eternal life. We will light the First Candle of the Advent Wreath this weekend. The first Advent candle is known as the 'candle of hope'. The hope that we have in a God that loves us.

COFFEE CLUB: There are coffees and teas after the Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please join us.

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

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Applications for 2026 intake must be submitted to Essex County Council between 4th November 2025 and 15th January 2026. You no longer require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. You will need to supply the child's baptism certificate to the School. If your child has not been baptised, speak to Fr Patrick as soon as possible.

ST MICHAELS BAZAAR: Friday 5th December 2025 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Bric n Brac, crafts, tombola, raffle and refreshments.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: We are collecting in all the Missio Red Boxes for the year-end collection. Please give your box to Fr Patrick or Fr Peter.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Any young person wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost in 2026 should make a request in writing to Fr Patrick. You should be currently in Year 9 or above. The family must be registered with the Parish. Parish Registration Forms are available on our website or at the back of the church. The programme includes a retreat with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn about your faith, and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. The closing date for applications is 20th December 2025.

CATHOLIC HERALD: A special Christmas/New Year double will be shortly available for purchase at the back of the Church.

BAPTIST CHURCH NURSE VACANCY (Part Time): NMC Registered Nurse in paid position. Please contact Rev Michelle by email pacbcministtermichelle@outlook.com

FUNERAL: The funeral of Margaret Cassidy Dec'd will take place in the Church on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 11.30am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Thank everybody for their support. The day was a great success and raised £4000.00

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 29th November 2025.	9.30am	MASS: Rose Twyford RIP Paul Twyford.
Saturday 29th November 2025	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 29th November 2025	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 29th November 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 29th November 2025	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 29th November 2025. <i>Vigil First Sunday in Advent.</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: November Dead List.
Sunday 30th November 2025. <i>First Sunday in Advent A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Annakutty Mathew Intentions. Manual & Family.
Sunday 30th November 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Richard Martin RIP. Lynne.
Monday 1st December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: John Hayter Intentions. Deirdre.

Tuesday 2nd December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Janet Newton Intentions. Janet.
Tuesday 2nd December 2025.	11.30am.	FUNERAL MASS: Margaret Cassidy RIP.
Wednesday 3rd December 2025. <i>St Francis Xavier, Pr.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Barney Crowe RIP. Theresa, Brian & Family.
Thursday 4th December 2025.	7.00pm.	MASS: Juan Herrero RIP. L Hanna.
Friday 5th December 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Barbara de la Nougerade Intentions. Lee Family.
Saturday 6th December 2025.	9.30am	MASS: Mathew Thomas RIP. Mini Mathew.
Saturday 6th December 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 6th December 2025. <i>Vigil Second Sunday in Advent A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Mark Kaylor RIP. Bonnie Kaylor.
Sunday 7th December 2025. <i>Second Sunday in Advent A</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Varhese Roberts RIP. Lizy Danien.
Sunday 7th December 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Anthony Daly RIP. Daly Family.