

Our Lady of Light & Saint Osyth
National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Commencing 3rd May 2026

Our Lady of Light: Tom & Bernet McMcnon Intentions

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 158.00 of which £118.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £617.91 of which £75.00 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.

John 14:1-12 In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately before His arrest and passion. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the trauma of His execution. He was also preparing them for their personal mission and martyrdom for the Church. This is a strange choice of Gospel for Eastertime – the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must remember, however, that there cannot be any resurrection without the cross. This applied to Jesus, to His apostles and applies also to us. Jesus tells His disciples and He tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me". Our human life is wonderful and is to be enjoyed, but it is imperfect in this world. However hard we try, we cannot avoid times of disappointment, loss, suffering and grief. We cannot avoid the reality of the ultimate loss of health, and our own death. In times of trouble, we need to remember that we are loved by God. We need to remember that this life is not our only life but is rather a preparation for our eternal life in heaven. Jesus Christ died on the cross to make this possible. Jesus through His perfect sacrifice and resurrection has defeated death. Jesus reassures the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house. There is a place for each one of us in our Father's house. Those who have gone before us wait for us patiently in heaven.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT - 16TH MAY 2026:

- Walking procession on the sea-front commencing from the Martello Tower F on the corner of Tower Road at 10.00am.
- Bishop Alan presides at Mass at 11.00am, with priests from the Deanery.
- Bring flowers to place on the Shrine.
- Reception in the parish hall following Mass.

Can you help with the following:

- Hand made cakes
- Fresh home made sandwiches
- Any food for the reception.
- Any fresh flowers

Please update Julie Fitzgerald on 07516579745

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 23rd May 2026. £30.00 per seat. To reserve seats on the coach, please put the money in a sealed envelope and write your name and telephone number on the outside with the number of seats requested. The envelope should be placed in the secure black drop box in the sacristy. Meet in the car park at 7.45am with departure at 8.00am. Bring packed lunch and drinks as there are limited

facilities in Walsingham. Full information available from Paul Twyford 07970619053.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will take place at the Sunday 10.30am Mass. The children will leave the Mass at the Penitential Rite and return at the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The child may be accompanied by a parent or carer. Please give this initiative your support.

STREET EVANGELISM: Starting 9th May, every Saturday, 1:30pm, Clacton Town Square. "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." — Mark 16:15. Join us as we share the joy of the Gospel through a gentle, one-on-one approach. Our aim is to listen, pray, and chat with our local community in a spirit of friendship. No experience necessary — we work as a team and support one another! Please message Kathy 07386718964 or Richard 07821813094 to join our WhatsApp group.

PARISH LOTTERY: April winning numbers: numbers 60 £100, 52 £50.00. Valid claims to Paul Twyford.

SECOND COLLECTION: At all Masses this weekend for the Promotion of Vocations.

CALLING ALL RED BOXES: Please bring in your Missio Boxes for counting.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	9.30am	MASS: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 2nd May 2026. 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: Catherine & Graham Baudins Intentions. Angela Cook.
Sunday 3rd May 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Aleah Lylas & Chilleen Castillo Intentions. Felisa Tuason.
Sunday 3rd May 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: John Murray

		RIP Fe, Lynne, Marina & Family.
Monday 4th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Celia Warnock & Family Intentions. Christina & Seamus Connolly,
Tuesday 5th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Joseph Thandathil Intentions. Mini.
Wednesday 6th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Holy Souls. Leonta Flanagan.
Thursday 7th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Emma, Paul & Family Intentions.
Friday 8th May 2026.	9.00am.	MASS: Catherine O'Donovan.
Saturday 9th May 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Danny Fitzgerald RIP. Marie Anne Altringham.
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Saturday 9th May 2026.	6.00pm.	MASS: Michael Dyra Intentions. Irene Dyra & Kate Corpus.
Sunday 10th May 2026.	8.30am.	MASS: Ann & Dan Jones Intentions.
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