

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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<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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 6th April 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: David Wilson RIP - Angela Cook.

Our Lady of Light Chapel: David Wilson RIP - Angela Cook.

Week commencing 13th April 2025

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh RIP

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh RIP

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 £497.00 of which £477.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £457.24 of which £76.00 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.

JOHN 8:1-11 In the Gospel from John, we have the dramatic story of the woman dragged before Jesus to be stoned for the act of adultery. The Gospel commences with the statement, 'Jesus went to the Mount of Olives'. I believe that this sentence is the key to this Gospel. This Gospel is about sin and God's mercy. God sent His only Son into the world to be the means of our salvation. Jesus Christ through His death on the Cross at Calvary is the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus Christ would shortly return to the Mount of Olives at the beginning of His Passion. On this second occasion, Jesus took His disciples to the Mount of Olives to pray. He instructed His disciples, 'Pray not to be put to the test'. Jesus prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine'. In His anguish He prayed even more earnestly, and His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood'. Why was Jesus sweating great drops of blood? It was not just the thought of the horrendous death He was about to endure. At that moment, Jesus was taking upon Himself all the sins of humanity from Adam and Eve to the end of time. At that moment, Jesus was taking upon Himself our sins.

As the woman was dragged before Jesus, on that very same Mount of Olives, to be stoned for the sin of adultery, Jesus knew that He would shortly take upon Himself that very sin. Jesus disarms her accusers. He says to them, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her". In Jewish law, the witnesses to the crime must be the first to throw the stones. Her accusers dropped their stones and left her in peace. Jesus was shortly to take their sin upon Himself as well! To the woman, He said "Woman, where are they? Has not one condemned you"? "No one Sir", she replied. "Neither do I condemn you", said Jesus "go away, and don't sin anymore".

Jesus will never condemn us for our sins. He loves us totally and has already paid the price for our redemption. We simply must approach Jesus Christ in repentance and ask for His forgiveness. The most perfect way to seek repentance and forgiveness of our sins is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be a Reconciliation Service on Monday 14th April at 7.30 pm with visiting priests.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Bishop Alan Williams will be celebrating Holy Mass in celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 11.00am. This is a very special event for the parish.

COFFEE, CAKE & BOOK SALE: St Charles Hall on Saturday 26th April at 10.30am. Proceeds to support 2 young people wanting to help the disabled in Lourdes this summer and the need to raise funds for travel.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

BRASS CLEANING: The brass in the church needs cleaning for the Easter Services. Please may I have some volunteers to help. Any volunteer work we do for the parish, we do for God. Thank you for your support. Fr Patrick.

SCRIPTURAL MASS READINGS FOR LENT: For text and commentary go to www.whatgoodnew.org

ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP: 26th July to 2nd August 2025 - Residential Camp for children aged 9 to 12 years old. Week packed with activities, full of fun, wrapped in Catholic ethos, and especially for children who are unlikely to have a summer holiday. Book on https://Johnbsoco.formstack.com/forms/bosco_child_application-form_2025

EASTER SERVICES

Monday 14th April	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.30pm
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday Mass	8.00pm
Friday 18th April	Walk of Witness	10.00am
Friday 18th April	The Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Saturday 19th April	Polish Blessing of the food	12.00pm
Saturday 19th April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day Mass	8.30am
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day Mass	10.30am.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 5th April 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Brian Madge Intentions. Tara.
Saturday 5th April 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 5th April 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 5th April 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 5th April 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 5th April 2025. <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Rose Daly RIP. Michael O'Donovan Intentions.

Sunday 6th April 2025. <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent.(C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Betty Sewell RIP. Joan McCarthy.
Sunday 6th April 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Pauline Welham RIP. Julia Clarke.
Monday 7th April 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: People of Gaza Intentions. Berni Spoling.
Tuesday 8th April 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Karen Quinn RIP
Wednesday 9th April 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP Nicola & Colin.
Thursday 10th April 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Catherine Donovan Intentions. Lee Family.
Friday 11th April 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Josey Abraham RIP Mini Joseph.
Friday 11th April 2025.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 12th April 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Harry Killen Intentions. Lee Family.
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Saturday 12th April 2025. <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Catholic Priests (Living and dead) Mary.
Sunday 13th April 2025. <i>Palm Sunday (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: David Wilson RIP Angela Cook.
Sunday 13th April 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary Christy RIP Nicola.