

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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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
(Education Sunday)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 7th September 2025

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Bernie Byrne & John-Joe Byrne RIP

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Bernie Byrne & John-Joe 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 £347.00 of which £331.00 was gift aided.
- Cash Offerings £749.61 of which £133.00 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 14:25-33: In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus challenges us with His demands of discipleship. He tells us, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple". He continues, "None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions". Our commitment to Jesus must come before all other relationships and attachments in this life. Jesus warns us to consider carefully before making our commitment to Him. Acceptance to the call to be a disciple demands readiness to accept persecution and suffering, and a realistic assessment of the hardships and costs.

We are inclined to picture a warm, gentle, and loving relationship with Jesus Christ leading to a full and comfortable life. We fail to recognize that we are caught up in nothing less than the life and death struggle of the whole world. God sent His Only Son into the world that through the Paschal Mystery, we may be led out of the world of selfishness, violence and sin into a new heaven and earth.

What is the challenge that Jesus is demanding of us?

We are called to share in His mission to bring salvation to the world. We are called to shine the light of Christ on the world. We are to be salt to the world. We place all that is most dear to us into His hands and for His purpose. Are we able to give up our own lives for Christ? To accept the gift of my life is to embrace the person that God wishes me to be in this life and the next. To accept Jesus is to embrace and take upon oneself your destiny. In giving up my life, I gain the life of Christ. Our destiny is the invitation of Jesus Christ, that we should respond to Him in love and total consent. Our destiny is to be free of worldly restrictions to love and be loved by God. It is to serve Jesus Christ in this life and spend eternity in perfect happiness with Him in heaven.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025/26: Any parent wishing for their child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2026, is invited to attend the 9.30am Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Light Church on 6th September 2025. A meeting with all the parents will commence immediately after the Mass to explain the new programme and to accept applications. The necessary forms will be completed at the meeting. The child should be in year 3 or above at the commencement of the New School Year. God Bless Fr Patrick.

COMMUNITY GATHERING: We warmly invite all parishioners of African origin worshipping at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, to kindly remain after 10.30am Sunday Mass for our first community gathering on Sunday the 14th September 2025 at 11.50am in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share

ideas, and begin building a strong, supportive community within our parish.
Sampson Ekeanyanwu 07539817089.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: There will be a meeting of all volunteers on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 11.30am in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10.30am Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: The annual service and AGM will take place on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 6.45pm. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service. All are welcome.

HOME MADE CAKES: Please may I have some home made cake for the Churches Together refreshments. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Year 9 can apply for Mersea Island Gather Retreat 25th to 26th October via BCYS website. Login and set up an account ASAP.

Financial support available. Year 10 and above can register via BCYS website above for Lourdes in July 2026. We will help with funding raising. Please TEXT Julie Lee on 07949087427 for information or support.

YOUNG PERSONS CHOIR: Choir and guitar practices start back Monday 29th September. Any new people interested, please TEXT Julie Lee.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS: If you can spare an occasional hour to help with the maintenance of the Church and Presbytery gardens, please join the Whats App Group on 07791635159. Thank you. Fr Patrick.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 6th September 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Jill Ayton RIP Lord Gabriel.
Saturday 6th September 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 6th September 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 6th September 2025	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 6th September 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 6th September 2025. <i>Vigil of Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Anne Keston RIP J Keston.
Sunday 7th September 2025. <i>Twenty Second Sunday in</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Thomas Stuart Anniversary. Pat.

<i>Ordinary Time (C)</i>		
Sunday 7th September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: OLOL Choir & Musicians Thanksgiving. Janet Newton.
Monday 8th September 2025. <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Caroline Daly Intentions.
Tuesday 9th September 2025	9.00am.	MASS: Finley Manual Intentions. Manual & Family.
Tuesday 9th September 2025	6.45pm.	Churches Together Service.
Friday 12th September 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: John Farrell RIP Angela Farrell.
Saturday 13th September 2025. <i>St John Chrysostom, Bp, D.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Terence & Tara Healey Intentions. Tara
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Saturday 13th September 2025. <i>Vigil of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Jane & James Moynagh RIP. Angela Farrell.
Sunday 14th September 2025. <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Anne Colgan RIP B.Dee.
Sunday 14th September 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Holy Souls Ekeanyanwu Family.