

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week Commencing 9th August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Annie Monteiro (RIP) - Tara

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Lilia Kibanoff - Jo & Alex Medrano

Week Commencing 16th August 2026

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh - Eileen Morley

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

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 £235.00 of which £230.00 was gift aided.

- Cash Offerings £661.98 of which £122.00 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.

Matthew 14:22-33 In today's Gospel, we have the scene immediately following the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus sent his disciples ahead of Him by boat in order that He may have the opportunity to spend time in silent prayer with His Father. Jesus always spent time in prayer before making significant decisions and before He faced the great events of His ministry. He is a role model for us. If we pray before we make difficult decisions or face challenging events in our lives, we will always know that God is with us. The boat crossing the sea was battling heavy weather and a headwind. The disciples were in grave danger of being lost at sea. The boat is a symbol of the Church. The Church is constantly under attack from the values of this world and the evil one. Jesus has promised us that He will protect His Church and that 'the gates of the underworld will never hold out against it.' Jesus called out to His disciples. "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid". 'It is I' are the words said by God to Moses. By using the 'I Am', Jesus is proclaiming His identity of God. Peter called out, "Lord, Save me!" Jesus put out His hand at once and held him. When Jesus called out to Peter, He also calls out to us. He calls us to have courage and not to be afraid. The hand that reached down to hold Peter and hold him safe in that stormy sea, is also the hand that will hold us and keep us safe during the storms and trials of our daily lives.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no children's liturgy during the summer term break.

SUMMER FETE 15TH AUGUST: Thank you to everyone so far who has offered food and help for our fete. We are sure it will be an exciting day for all. We still need items for the stalls, jewellery, photo-frames, display items, the raffle, toys, children's clothes, and bottles for the tombola. Dr Lizzy and Julie.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: We need lots of home made cakes for the fete. Please get baking. Thank you Mary T.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASSES: Will commence on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Presbytery. The classes are for the following:

- Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church.
- Unbaptised who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Church.

Please contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join the group.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please contact our MP and request that he votes against the bill:

nigel.farage.mp@parliament.uk

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday 12th September 2026, the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be a day of prayers and services commencing at 10.00am. Bishop Alan will preside at Mass at 10.30am.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: Meet on Monday 10th August at 7.00pm in 1 Church Road. New members welcome.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Fr Hugh MacKenzie, Chaplain at Westminster will be giving a presentation on AI and Catholic Teaching on Saturday 26th September 2026 at 11.00am at Christ the Eternal King in Gidea Park. Live stream from www.whatgoodnews.org.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Saturday 8th August 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Bec Sheaham RIP. Nicola.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	1.30pm.	WEDDING: George & Ellie Steel.
Saturday 8th August 2026.	6.00pm.	Cooper Family Intentions. Lee Family.
Sunday 9th August 2026. <i>Nineteenth</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Patricia Kemp RIP.

<i>Sunday in Ordinary Time A</i>		
Sunday 9th August 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Melawe Harwood Bee Intentions. Mrs B Lawlor.
Monday 10th August 2026. <i>St Lawrence, Dc, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Terry Lewis RIP Marian Lewis
Thursday 13th August 2026.	7.00pm	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Nicola & Colin.
Friday 14th August 2026. <i>St Maximilian Kolbe, Pr, M.</i>	9.00am.	MASS: Julie Fitzgerald Intentions.
Saturday 15th August 2026.	9.30am	MASS: Celine Slattery RIP. Brendan.
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Saturday 15th August 2026.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 15th August 2026. <i>Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Vera Andrews RIP, Syd, Sonya & Shane.
Sunday 16th August 2026. <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A.</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Halina & Bodgam Holeszowski Intentions. Family.
Sunday 16th August 2026.	10.30am.	MASS: Healing for Alison. Lynne.