

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

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:

Week commencing 9th March 2025:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: LILIA Kibanoff RIEP - Jo Medrano

Our Lady of Light Chapel: LILIA Kibanoff RIEP - Jo Medrano

Week commencing 16th March 2025

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

Our Lady of Light Chapel: Maureen & Bernie Haugh RIP - 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. 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 £560.00 of which £500.00 was gift aided.
- Collection Offering £535.78 of which £99.00 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 4:1-13 In today's Gospel, we are told of Jesus's 40 days in the desert. Jesus had just been baptised by John the Baptist and now entered the wilderness to prepare for His mission, which would lead Him to His crucifixion and death. We are invited during the holy season of lent to enter the desert with Jesus to prepare for our mission in life to love. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the source of the Holy Spirit to us through the Holy Sacraments of the Church. Jesus fasted for 40 days and then was subjected to the temptations of the devil. Jesus rejected his offerings of temporal power, idol worship and testing of God. Jesus, quoting the Book of Deuteronomy, told the devil:

- Man does not live by bread alone.
- You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone.
- You must not put the Lord your God to the Test.

At the end of the Gospel, we are told that the devil left Jesus, to return at the appointed time. The appointed time was the Garden of Gethsemane and the Passion of Jesus Christ. For a short period, Jesus was subject to the full force of evil. He took upon himself all the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness now raised Jesus from the dead. The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is His victory over sin and death.

Lent is an opportunity to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a very brief opportunity. We need to make some time in our lives for Jesus. There are many opportunities in this parish to come closer to Jesus during Lent, we have the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, we have the Saturday Exposition, we have daily Mass, we have the Friday evening Stations of the Cross, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we have the services of Holy Week.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE: Saturday 15th March. Great entertainment with Ceili dancing with live music and DJ. Bring your own food and drink. Tea and coffee free. 7.00pm to 11.00pm by ticket only £10 per head from Eugene Mullin and Pat Murray. Funds towards the new hall roof.

SUNDAY DIVINE OFFICE AND ROSARY: You are invited to pray Lauds at 10:00 every Sunday before Mass (at our Sacred Heart Shrine), connecting the faithful to the Church's official daily prayer, cultivating gratitude and devotion while preparing hearts for the Eucharist. The Rosary will be said after the 8.30am and 1030am Mass at Our Lady Shrine allows the community to honour Mary and seek her intercession.

FUNERALS: The funeral of Patrick Morrison will take place on Tuesday 11th March. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his grieving family.

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

NEW HALL ROOF: Work will commence shortly on the replacement of the hall roof. The project will cost the parish in excess of £100,000. If we do not do the work, we would lose the hall. If anybody is able and willing to make a contribution to the cost, please credit the parish bank account directly with the reference: HALL. God Bless Fr Patrick.

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. There will be a reception in the hall following the Mass.

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 8th March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: June Catchpole RIP. Margaret Geale.
Saturday 8th March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
Saturday 8th March 2025.	11.00am.	DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.
Saturday 8th March 2025.	11.00am to 12.00pm.	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.
Saturday 8th March 2025.	12.00pm.	THE ANGELUS AND THE HOLY ROSARY.
Saturday 8th March 2025. <i>Vigil of First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Katie (Altar Server) & Family Intentions. Cooper Family.
Sunday 9th March 2025. <i>First Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Martin Mullin RIP. Eugene Mullin.

Sunday 9th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Emmanuel Babalola Intentions. Raphina Babalola.
Monday 10th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Agnes Randell RIP.
Tuesday 11th March 2025.	10.30am.	FUNERAL MASS: Patrick Morrison RIP.
Wednesday 12th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Gillian Wildney RIP. P Middleditch.
Thursday 13th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Gamble Family Intentions. Doreen Lane.
Friday 14th March 2025.	9.00am.	MASS: Mel Georgiou RIP. Anne Leacy.
Friday 14th March 2025.	7.00pm.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	9.30am.	MASS: Maureen Hughes RIP. Lee Family.
Saturday 15th March 2025.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 15th March 2025. <i>Vigil of Second Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Margaret Reid RIP. Theresa McCarron.
Sunday 16th March 2025. <i>Second Sunday in Lent. (C).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Vera Sweeney RIP. Maureen Clow & Family.
Sunday 16th March 2025.	10.30am.	MASS: Mary & John Sullivan Intentions. Fiona Smith.