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"Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men."

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

22nd January 2023

St Joseph's St Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Irene Dye
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 4th Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Coach Trip

The destination for our next coach trip will be to the City of Liverpool. Famed for its two cathedrals, the Tate Gallery, Royal Albert Dock and, for the shoppers amongst you, let's not forget Liverpool 1.

We will be taking a 49 seater luxury coach to Liverpool on **Tuesday 21st March 2023**. This will leave St Josephs at 9.30 am. and from opposite the Anchor pub at approx. 9.40 am. at a cost of £15.00 per person. To book your place, please post in either presbytery, the full cost of the trip placed in an envelope, upon which write your name, the number of places booked and a contact telephone number.

Sacramental Programme 2023

Next Sunday 29th of January there will be the opening Masses for the Sacramental Programme at 9.00 am at St Josephs and at 11.00 am at St. Edwards. At this point thanks must go to our schools that work so hard to support this work and also to you the Parish that make it possible.

This is an important journey for our young people and support is required from our parishioners.

Ash Wednesday

Just a little thought and a date for your diary. Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February 2023. Lent is just around the corner, just when you had managed to survive dry January!!

FRIENDS OF SERENITY

The grand total of £2,857.60 was handed over to the charity this week.

This is a truly remarkable achievement and thanks go to all who have helped to reach this target.

Please pray for this organisation which recognises the dignity and the loss experienced during a time of difficulty.



Week Day Masses

Fr Brian is very appreciative of those who are able to attend the mid-week mass programme. He would be even happier if more people could add to their Sunday worship by attending a mid-week mass. Let's strengthen our community by establishing and growing this way forward.

Gift Aid

Reminder

There are still a number of offertory envelopes that need to be collected from the rear of both churches. Please remember to pick up your envelopes as this method of donation provides us with an extra income of 25p for each pound you give if you are a UK taxpayer.

If you wish to donate by this method, please ring Alec on 07598908987 to arrange.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Irene Dye.

Anniversaries: Joseph Bauer, Peter Thomas Walsh, James Culshaw, Angelo Avino,

Birthday Intentions: Michael Slater

Special Intentions:

Mill Hill Missionaries (The Red Boxes)

If you have any donations or a Red Box that needs to be emptied, please leave these at the back of our Churches. This charity originally offered support in Brazil and Ecuador, but now also operates within Cameroon, East Africa, Philippines and India. If you would like to help and support this charity please contact Maggie at St Josephs or Sara at St Edwards. Now is a good time to start.

Easy Theatre

This coming Thursday (26th) the Vue Cinema Blackburn is showing the National Theatre's production of Arthur Miller's The Crucible. This is a captivating parable of power and a great opportunity to see live theatre. Why not go along?

Primary School Admissions

The deadline is 15th January 2023.

If your child turns 4 between 1/9/22 - 31/8/23 now is the time to apply for a primary school place. Contact the schools for details.



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Fr Brian's No Car Day – Tuesday 24th January



Visit to the Housebound

This took place last Friday and if you have a name to add to the list please write it down with contact details and place it in an envelope and present it through to either church.

Chris Avino and Fr Brian welcomed the opportunity to offer these visits for our parishioners which enables them to continue to participate in the life of the Church.

Poem for the Week

Guilty pleasures By Me

No I have not responded to your E-Mail,
Neither have I released your text.
I have avoided the chatter of your twittering
nonsense
And face book is an increasingly vacuous volume, I
chose not to peruse.

I am not queuing on the M6,
Or picking up convenience foods,
which free my spirit and block my arteries.
I am devoid of the liberation of direct debits,
Accessing money I do not have.
Nor am I saving programmes on the TV
That were not worth viewing the first time.

I am instead
Watching
Listening
And waiting
And it is wonderful.

SVP

Saint Vincent De Paul charity are to have a special collection as you leave church on Sunday 21st January. This money will be used for local needs.



This small group of individuals respond to local Darwen poverty in all its forms. They offer friendship and practical support to the vulnerable or isolated individuals within our community. Inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, they offer hope together with dignity. Please support if you are able.

Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

A/C: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

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Rotas Next Weekend 28th and 29th January 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington
9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle
9am: G. Brindle 11am: P. Corran

