



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".

4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A			29 th 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		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea and Cakes
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Vigil Mass 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time Sunday Mass 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time

Coach Trip

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. Put your name on the list at the back of church. 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.

The City of Liverpool is famed for its two cathedrals, the Tate Gallery, Royal Albert Dock and, for the shoppers amongst you, let's not forget Liverpool 1.

Sacramental Programme 2023

This Sunday at 9.00 am at St Joseph's and 11.00 am at St Edwards our children will begin their Sacramental Programme.

So, all parish support is appreciated for the children who take another important step on their journey of independence, and for all their families who guide them on their way.

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!!

Readers

Do you want to take a more active part in your Sunday Service. Would you be prepared to read at Mass?

You are amongst friends and the more readers we have the less onerous the task.

If you are interested, please approach Fr Brian or one of our readers to find out just what is involved.



Gift Aid

Important

For every £100 that we receive from our charitable parishioners, the government gives us an extra £25 for free!! if you contribute via Gift Aid and are a UK Tax payer. In order for us to take advantage of this generous offer we must have an up-to-date record of you agreeing to this way of contributing so that we can claim this extra money.

So, what is the next step?

Once we get the forms from Salford Diocese, Alec Gordon will come along to services at both Churches to distribute the forms.

You select the appropriate one for your method of payment either multiple donation, single donation or Oral donation and just fill out the form with help from Alec.

Your method of payment will not change.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Irene Dye(LD), Maria Louisa Abbate(LD)

Anniversaries: Joseph Bauer, Peter Thomas Walsh, Angelo Avino, Anne Conway, Rose Murphy. Paul John Davies, Bessie Cowell, Donald Kimberley.

Birthday Intentions: Michael Slater. **Special Intentions:** For a Successful Treatment

Volunteers

It is worth recognising that the parish would not function without the many people who volunteer their time and talents. Those who attend weekday mass, maintain the buildings, maintain the administration, publish this newsletter, type and sort out funerals etc. This all keeps the life of the church in Darwen alive.

If you would like to help speak to Fr Brian.

HALLE at King Georges Hall Blackburn

It is a bit expensive, but the full Halle Orchestra a world-beating symphony orchestra based in Manchester are performing at KGH in Blackburn on Wednesday 1st February . The programme includes pieces by Franck, Wagner and Tchaikovsky.

Why not broaden your experience?

First Confessions

These are to take place for our children on the Sacramental Programme at St Edwards on Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9th February both at 6.00 PM.



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Fr Brian's No Car Day –Monday 30th January



Path to St Joseph's School

Fr Brian would like to thank the community payback team, (via the probation Service) who have made such a great job of clearing the path from Chapel Street up to St Joseph's School. It is a great improvement.

Reconciliation Service

We are planning to hold a Reconciliation Service (Confessions) on Tuesday 28th March.

Poem for the Week

Pointless

In the middle of my worry

I often talk to people

who are not there

with assumed responses

to what is not fair.

Working my fears up

Beyond any possible event

As today moves into tomorrow

then passes into reality.

The source into consequence

Without any reference

To those very silly conversations.

SVP.

The SVP Group would like to thank all of our parishioners who donated so generously last Sunday at the special collection. The money will be spent wisely as always.



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.

Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

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Rotas Next Weekend 4th and 5th February 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

9am: M.R. Gordon 11am: J. Ainsworth

