



*“This is My beloved Son,
in whom I am well-pleased.”*

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Baptism of the Lord			8th 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.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

A Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

Gracious Father, we commend to your mercy Pope Emeritus Benedict whom you made Successor of Peter and Shepherd of the Church, a fearless preacher of your word and a faithful minister of the divine mysteries.

Welcome him, we pray, into your heavenly dwelling place, to enjoy eternal glory with all your chosen ones. We give you thanks, Lord, for all the blessings that in your goodness you bestowed upon him for the good of your people.

Grant us the comfort of faith and the strength of hope. To you Father, source of life, through Christ, the conqueror of death, in the life-giving Spirit, be all honour and glory forever and ever.

FRIENDS OF SERENITY

Our Parish is pleased to announce that we can add a further £200 which has been donated for your charity Friends of Serenity and the wonderful work that they undertake. This brings the grand total of our donations at present to £2,857.60 This is a truly remarkable achievement and thanks go to all who have helped to reach this target.

This charity works hard to help families during a difficult period offering support underpinned by simple respect.



Sacramental Programme 2023

The meetings of parents for children wishing to start on the Sacramental Programme are to take place on Wednesday 18th January. The venue for these meetings will be at St Edwards Hall at 2.15pm and then in the evening at St Josephs at 6.00pm.

These meetings welcome the parents of the children attending our schools together with those who attend from non catholic school.

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, Liverpool 1. Full details of date, times and price to follow shortly.

Catholic Newspaper

Please collect your own copy of the Catholic Newspaper to take home. It provides an interesting insight into the wider issues regarding the Catholic Faith outside the confines of our Parish.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Easter

At last, the news that you have all been waiting for. Father Brian can proudly announce that the first Easter Egg has arrived through his door last Monday.

Upon reflection it might just as well have been delivered by the Kings on their way past his door.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Mary Fenton (LD), Connie Dixon (LD)

Anniversaries: Robert Large, Kate Keogh, John Walsh, Maureen Jennings, Maureen Roberts.

Special Intentions: All the Family RIP, De Gratus of a Safe Delivery

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. The New Year is a good time to start.

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.

Gift Aid

Please collect your next year's offertory envelopes from the rear of both Churches. If you would wish to donate via Gift Aid Envelopes, this provides us with an extra income of 25p in the pound if you are a UK taxpayer. Please ring Alex on 07598908987 to arrange.



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Fr Brian's No Car Day –Tuesday 10th January



Food Larder

As we had expected, the food larder has been extremely busy over the festive period. In order for this activity to be carried out successfully, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work undertaken by individuals. Members from all our local churches and Mosque in Darwen work together to meet this necessary need.

In your prayers, please remember these kind souls who carry out this work on a weekly basis.

New Year Resolutions

How are your New Year Resolutions progressing?
Are you still on track?

There's nothing to say you cannot start again.
Here are a few suggestions for you to try.

A walk a day. Go to Mass mid-week once.
Write a diary. Go to bed early.
Cook a meal. Draw a picture a day.
Plan two events a month ahead.
Read something of quality once a week.
Ring someone different once a week.
Have a special time to yourself once a week or even daily.

Keep the dishes out of the sink!

Poem for the Week

Epitaph on a Tyrant by W. H. Auden - 1907-1973

Perfection, of a kind, was what he was after,
And the poetry he invented was easy to understand;
He knew human folly like the back of his hand,
And was greatly interested in armies and fleets;
When he laughed, respectable senators burst with laughter,
And when he cried the little children died in the streets.

SVP

The next meeting of the SPV will be on Monday 9th January at St Edwards Church at 7.00pm



Thank you for your support.

Collections as follows for December 2022 period

Friends of Serenity £2,156.40

Standing Orders £1,234.50

Loose Plate/Envelopes £1,768.22

This is in addition to other Friends of Serenity payments received,

Christmas Fayre Proceeds £1,002.41

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

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Rotas Next Weekend 14th and 15th January 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: M. Bauer

Ministers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: B. Suddick

