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“One does not live on bread alone”.

1 st Sunday Lent in Ordinary Time A		26 th February 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.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Soup and Bread
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday Lent
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 2nd Sunday Lent

Earthquake Appeal- URGENT

We are very happy to announce that this week we sent two cheques totalling £3,822.00 to the special CAFOD appeal. This is a fantastic contribution and will really help desperate peoples.

CAFOD already has contacts directly within Turkey and Syria who will help administer the aid.

Lent Lunch

During the period of Lent after an 11.30 Mass on each Tuesday, there will be a lunch of soup and bread and water in St Edwards Church Hall. All funds raised will go to the general work of CAFOD.

This is a great way to practice Lent.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

No sugar in your tea but sweeten the life of another by visiting someone different each week.
Cut out the booze but get drunk on exercise.
Go to bed early and read a book.
Keep a diary of blessings and refuse to moan.

Watch Blackburn Rovers without using bad language and watch the news with real gratitude.
Spend some time of each day in silence, then honestly speak to your soul.
Bake a cake, then give it away.

DO SOMETHING FOR LENT

For Your Information

Mass Intention for Helen Mary Halpin. A funeral will take place on Monday 13th March at St Edwards at 1.00 pm

St Patrick's Day Celebrations

An Irish Night has been arranged for the 18th March at St Joseph's Parish Hall at 8.00 pm.

Tickets are now available from any member of the Knights of St Columba priced at Adults £8 and Children £4 which includes supper. The live band "Keep the Faith" will be playing for your enjoyment. See you all there!



Holiday Time-On a Journey

Fr Brian is going in search of Chinese plastic treasure. He hopes to find something for the Parish that is does not need nor want but can gather dust!

Has anyone seen a red tomato?



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Lorraine Bowditch (RIP), Patsy McCabe (LD), Theresa Round (LD) Helen Mary Haplin (LD)

Anniversaries: John Howard,

Birthday Intentions:

Special Intentions: Mass for Special Intention

Coach Trip to Liverpool

The coach trip to Liverpool is fast approaching and seats are going fast. If you were wishing to join us, then please put your name on the list at the back of church and pay as detailed below. .

The Coach Trip to Liverpool on **Tuesday 21st March 2023**. This will leave St Joseph's 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 through the letterbox 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.

Food Larder

The work of the helpers at the Food Larder continues. The extra strain on the cross faith volunteer group goes on, placing a greater pressure on our limited resources. These volunteers carry out a splendid job. Pray for them and the poor families who are in such need.

Reconciliation Service

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

Church Ministers Meeting

Last Wednesday there was a meeting of Church Ministers from all of Darwen in St Joseph's House. This was simply a means by which those who act as Ministers in the town could get to know each other and help with whatever practical tasks the different churches could share.

This gathering was organised largely by John Eastham, so many thanks to him.

Gift Aid Important Information

The new forms are now being distributed by Alec Gordon who will also help people complete the form during the next few weeks.

It is an extremely simple process. You just confirm that your name and address, and your payment method are correct and then sign the form. Your method of payment will not change.

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 Taxpayer. 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.

The Journey – A Poem for Lent

by Justin Farley

Give my heart feet
So that it may walk towards you.
Give me the motivation to arise,
And the drive to see your will through.

When I am idle
Put my body back into gear –
To continue to put one foot in front of the other
In the presence of doubt and fear.

You are my shield that protects me
When the trumpets blare and bows are strung.
But you can only protect me
When I march mightily – not when I turn and run.

The journey looks impossible
When I measure the miles.
But one foot in front of the other
And your love endures endless trials.

Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

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Rotas Next Weekend 4th and 5th March 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity
9am: G. Brindle 11am: A. Atkinson

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough
9am: M.R. Gordon 11am: B. Suddick



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