



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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“You are the light of the world.”.

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A			5 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
	St Joseph's	St Edward's	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Masses</b>
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
<b>Saturday</b>		9.15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
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## Coach Trip

We will be taking a 49 seater luxury coach to Liverpool on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Bad News St Edwards

Some sad idiots have stolen the coping stones from around the wall surrounding the gated car park between the back of the Church and Bolton Rd.

These were old Lancashire stones that no doubt are now on their way south for resale.

Meanwhile, we are obliged to pay for the wall to be covered with concrete paving stones at a price well beyond what the thieves could achieve by their ill-gotten labour.

Grr, Mumble, Moan, Blast.

## 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 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.

So, what is the next step?

The new forms are now available. Alec Gordon will be available to help people complete the form starting from next weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February It is an extremely simple process. You just confirm the name and address and your payment method are correct and then sign the form.

Your method of payment will not change.

## Mass Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Joseph Donnelly (LD)

**Anniversaries:** Anne Conway, Rose Murphy. Paul John Davies, Bessie Cowell, Donald Kimberley, Ethel McGlown, Gerard McGlown, Winifred Bowland, Edward Shaw

**Birthday Intentions:**

**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.**

### Ash Wednesday

Just a little thought and a date for your diary. Ash Wednesday is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

Lent is just around the corner, just when you had managed to survive dry January!!

### First Confessions

The children on their Eucharistic journey will be celebrating their confessions at St Edwards on Wednesday 8th February and at St Josephs on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February both at 6.00 PM. Please pray for them.



### St Edward's School

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### St Joseph's School

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### Fr Brian's No Car Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February



### 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 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Holiday Time

Fr Brian will soon be going on a short break and requests that those who attend the daily mass to please continue to come along to the church while he is away.

This will keep the prayer life of our Parish ticking over.

### Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition of the The Monthly Catholic Post is now available for free from the back of church. Please take one and have a good read on the wider issues affecting Christian life and values in the wider community.

### Poem for the Week Chosen

Who can do it?  
You can do it.  
Why am I going to do it?  
Because at this point you are there.  
How am I going to do it?  
The best way you can  
That is enough for now.

### SVP.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Saint Vincent de Paul collection which raised a grand total of **£381.78** towards the fantastic work of this parish organisation.

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.

Collection for January (5 Weeks)  
Standing Orders £1201:50 Cash £2923.45  
**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU**  
**A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart**  
**A/C no. 40835803 Sort code: 205534**

### Rotas Next Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: C. Garrity  
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

**Ministers:** 6.15pm: C. Garrity  
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: B. Beardsworth

