

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“I am the light of the world.”.

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4 th Sunday Lent in Ordinary Time A			19 th March 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	9.00 a.m.		Mass (School Children will be present)
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Soup and Bread
Wednesday	9.00a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass School (Children will be present)
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 5th Sunday Lent
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 5th Sunday Lent

Coach Trip to Liverpool

It is not just Eurovision that is going to Liverpool, but also the parishioners of Sacred Heart Darwen. Our 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.

There is still time for you to join us, but you must act quickly.

To book a place, please pay the full cost of the trip placed in an envelope, upon which you write your name, the number of places booked and a contact telephone number and hand this directly to Fr. Brian.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations

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



Arranged by the Knights of St Columba. Thanks for your support and a full report will follow in next weeks newsletter.

Gift Aid Important Information

Alec is making good progress on working with our parishioners to get the forms completed in order for us to claim Gift Aid. However, we do need to get any individuals who have just chosen this method of payment to also fill in and sign the form. You may not be aware of this, but we need a signed form from everyone participating in this scheme in order for the parish to claim this extra gift at no cost to yourself.

Please could the following parishioners contact Alec Gordon to discuss this:
L. Blezard, L. Loxham. D. Witherington, K. Jarvis-Dumday, M. Catterall, Tracey Banks, Nanna OD, C. Olney Falzo, C. Garrity.

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Peter Cowell (LD), Billy Thompson (LD), Beverley Jordon (LD), Jeanette Walsh (LD)

Anniversaries: Doreen McMellon, Thomas Mclver, Tiana Thompson, Barbara Taylor, Bill Read, Kathleen Mary Humphrys, Brian Christopher Walsh, Frances Margaret Kerrane, Louis Sudall, The Sudall Family.

Mother's Day Intentions: Anne Mclver, Esther McIntyre, Elizabeth Burke, Mary Howard.

Special Intentions: Mass for Special Intention, Mass for a Sick Friend.

No Car Day

The No Car Day for Fr Brian will be on Wednesday 22nd March.



St Joseph's Feast Day

The children from St Joseph's School will be joining us at **9.00 am** on Monday for Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. All are welcome, so come along and share this happy event with our wonderful children.

Reconciliation Service

We are planning to hold a Reconciliation Service (Confessions). This is to take place on Tuesday March 28th at St Joseph's Church. We have five priests who will hear confessions in preparation for Easter.



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.



Home Visits

Fr. Brian will be out visiting the housebound this Friday. If you know of anyone who needs a visit, please get in touch.

Reminder

This year Good Friday falls on April the 7th and Easter Sunday falls on April 9th. Put these dates in your diary.

Poem of the Week

So natural a part of me
formed in days past.

That now in slumber
relaxed. My mind,
released from anxious prattle

I find your presence here.

More real and beautiful
than death's
deceptive grasp.



Thank You

Fr Brian would like to thank everyone who took care of the Parish while he was away sunning himself and reading books. He would especially like to thank Fr Michael who is so popular and to you all who made him so welcome.

Thank you for your support.

The collections for February were as follows:

Standing Orders £719.00 (£1019 in total)

Cash etc £1612.83 (3 weeks) CAFOD Turkey/Syria Appeal £3722 (including £300 from Standing Orders)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

A/C no. 40835803 Sort code: 205534

Rotas Next Weekend 25th and 26th March 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

9am: G. Brindle 11am: J. Ainsworth



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