

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“I am the resurrection and the life”

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5th Sunday Lent in Ordinary Time A			26 <sup>th</sup> 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	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Soup and Bread
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass (School Children will be present)
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent

**Fr Brian will be spending the day at St Bede's RC High School on Tuesday.**

### Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April we shall be having our traditional walk up to Darwen Tower with the Cross. We will be setting off from the Green at 2.00 pm. It is a great tradition and all are welcome to join us. This is organised by our scouting community and encompasses any local church who so wish participate.



### St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Thanks to the Knights who raised £250 from the celebrations on last Saturday night which will go



towards the cost of the defibrillators. There was a lot of work from lots of people which all helped to make the evening a success.

Thanks also go to the band "Keep The Faith" who provided the music accompanied by Fr David Featherstone on guitar and vocals. Plus we had a visit from five priests from Burnley to join in the fun.

Ps the pie was delicious!

### Clocks Change

**Don't forget Spring forward by 1 hour**

If you are attending the Saturday service don't forget to change your clocks tonight. If you intend to go to Sunday service, it may already be too late.

### Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** 7.00pm Mass at St Joseph's and Adoration until Midnight.

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's at 12.00am midday. Celebration of the Passion at St Edward's at 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April** at 6.15 pm at St Joseph's Church.

For Sunday Masses normal times.

*Then we can all eat chocolate.*

### 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. Please could the following parishioners contact Alec Gordon on telephone 07565108780 to discuss this:

L. Loxham. M. Catterall, Tracey Banks, Nanna OD, C. Olney Falzo.

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.

## Mass Intentions

### Lately Dead:

**Anniversaries:** Tiana Thompson, Brian Christopher Walsh, Frances Margaret Kerrane, May Slater.

**For Mother's Day Intentions:** Alice Sandbach, Eileen Mears.

### Special Intentions:

#### Washing of the Feet

The tradition goes back to what became known as the Last Supper when Jesus performed this ritual for the first time. After the meal, he laid aside his outer clothes, wrapped a towel around his waist, and washed and dried the 12 disciples' feet, according to Saint John's Gospel.

If you are asked to participate in this ceremony, please say YES.

This is one of the clearest expressions of our faith drawn directly from the gospel.



## Coach Trip to Liverpool

Thanks to all who organised our trip to Liverpool, there were shops, museums, cafes, bars and the windy River Mersey. There was also the joy of knowing that you can sit on the coach and just chat there and back, letting someone else do the driving. Plus the fact that Gail came with us and enjoyed the day.

Our next trip will take us to the historic city of Lancaster on a date yet to be confirmed.

#### Streaming

We would like to thank all those members of our congregation who join in all our celebrations through the online streaming system.

All are welcome to Darwen.

<https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen>

#### Reconciliation Service

This is to take place on Tuesday evening March 28th at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's Church. We have five priests who will hear confessions in preparation for Easter. A simple service in the tradition of our faith.



#### The Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box

**Yes** it is that time of year again where your Red Box needs to be emptied. This may have already happened with your local contact, Maggie or Sarah but if you have not already done so please bring your box to church where they will be collected. Maggie may have already arranged a visit to collect the box and to drop off your magazine directly and looks forward to meeting up and having a chat.



#### Lent Lunch

This has been a great year for preparing ourselves during Lent. Undertaking this practical way of celebrating by joining together for soup and bread has given us the opportunity for enjoying good company at the same time as replenishing our bodies.

Thank to all those who have helped to support this community activity.



## Thank you for your support.

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

**A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart**

**A/C no. 40835803 Sort code: 205534**

### Rotas Next Weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: L. Atherton  
9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy

**Ministers:** 6.15pm: P. Ainscough  
9am: G. R Gordon 11am: C. Avino



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