

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



*"Hosanna to the Son of David;"*

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Palm Sunday		2 <sup>nd</sup> April 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.	Mass followed by Soup and Bread
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday	7.00 p.m.		Mass followed by Adoration until Midnight.
Friday	12.00 Mid Day	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Service of Passion
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass Easter Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass Easter Sunday

## Gift Aid Important Information

We are now approaching the end of the financial year and although Alec Gordon still continues to make progress could the following parishioners contact him on telephone 07565108780 to discuss this as now a matter of urgency:-

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.

## Palm Sunday and Holy Week WALK OF WITNESS

This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April we shall be having our traditional walk up to Darwen Tower carrying 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 to participate.

Please join in this Walk of Witness to your faith.



## 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.*

## Mass Intentions

### Lately Dead:

**Anniversaries:** Harry Foster.

**Special Intentions:** For successful check-up.

## 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.



## Summer Holiday Family Day Trip to St. Annes

Fr Brian is organising the transport for a day trip on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August to St. Annes. This will be at a cost of £5.00 per person setting off from St Joseph Church at 9.00am and at the Anchor at 9.10 am. and we will return at 5.00 p.m prompt.

The Parish organises the transport, the children remain your responsibility.

Places on the trip are on a first come first served basis and can be reserved with payment at both of our schools or with the parish in a clearly marked envelope containing all names of those going, full payment and contact telephone number.

## Reconciliation Service

Many thanks to all the priests who came to celebrate this sacrament last Tuesday. At one point Fr Brian was concerned that they would outnumber the congregation, but we are keeping the tradition alive.

In this age of denial this sacrament is ever more important.

## SVP

The next meeting of the SVP group is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. We will be meeting at St Edward's Community Hall.

## The History of St Joseph

If you have the chance please look at the new notice board positioned within the first shelter of St Joseph's car park (School playground).

It is here that the head of the tunnel that once ran under Bolton Road can be seen. There are further photographs and illustrations of what this piece of local history would have looked like, for those of you who may be interested.

## Home Visits

Fr Brian will be out visiting the house-bound this coming Wednesday afternoon the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Due to the number of parishioners receiving visits, he has divided them into two groups A and B. He will be visiting the parishioners of Group A this Wednesday (the parishioners in this group have already been contacted).

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, please get in touch and he will add them to the list.

## Pascal Candles

Thanks to the students of St. Bede's who have once again illustrated our Pascal Candles for Easter and the rest of the year.

## Thank you for your support.

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

A/C no. 40835803 Sort code: 205534

### Rotas Next Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: D. Witherington  
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

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



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