

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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"As the Father sent me, so am I sending you"

2 nd Sunday Easter Divine Mercy Sunday		16 th 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		10.00 a.m	Mass followed by Tea Coffee and Cake
Wednesday	9.15 a.m		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m	School Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m		Mass
Saturday		9.15 a.m	Mass
	6.15 p.m		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 3rd Sunday of Easter

Coach Trip to Lancaster

This trip is now planned for Thursday 25th May 2023 leaving Darwen at 9.30 and leaving Lancaster at 5.00 pm for our return journey.

The cost has been set at £15 per person. A list on which to add your name will go up at the back of both churches. To book your place please post through the letterbox of either presbytery the full cost of the trip placed in an envelope upon which you must write your name, the number of the places, the name of the trip and your contact telephone number.

Experience Lancaster Castle with its chilling cells unveiling hidden facts and stories that helped shape England's heritage. Visit Lancaster Cathedral, St Peter's, the mother church of the Diocese of Lancaster, a spiritual home to Catholics living between Preston and Carlisle.

St Bede's School Production

There is a production of Beauty and the Beast on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of May at St Bede's School.

Tickets to this production are selling out fast, so don't delay. What's more before the show there will be a series of Spring Stalls selling refreshments, raffle tickets etc which will all go to help fund the school garden project.

Further details will be available soon or contact the school directly.



Easter Thanks

Thank you to all of our community helpers who have contributed to all the celebrations over this Easter period.

The flower and Easter Garden arrangements this year were resplendent as ever.

Thank You

A Bit of History

Did you know that the RC churches in Darwen came from very humble beginnings. Originally the small RC community based in Darwen was served by visiting monks from Whalley Abbey. Initially a small chapel was built in Redearth Rd. and to pay off a debt had to be sold and transformed into a public house named the Black Horse.

More of our beginnings to follow.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Mary Ingeborg Taylor (LD), Jimmy Mullaney (LD)

Anniversaries:

Special Intentions: Mass for a successful heart surgery. Mass for the Sacred Heart, Mass for St Antony, Mass for St Jude, Mass for Our Lady.

Birthday Anniversaries

Summer Holiday Family Day Trip to St. Annes

Fr Brian is organising the transport for a day trip on Thursday 10th 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.

To a Primrose

by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Thy smiles I note, sweet early Flower,
That peeping from thy rustic bower
The festive news to earth dost bring,
A fragrant messenger of Spring.

But, tender blossom, why so pale?
Dost hear stern Winter in the gale?
And didst thou tempt the ungentle sky
To catch one vernal glance and die?



Home Visits

We shall be home visiting on Friday 21st April 2023. As we now have so many locations. Half the house bound are to be visited on one Friday, with the other half receiving their visit on the next occasion. Prior to the visit you will be contacted by phone

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

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.

York Day Out

We are planning ahead and have now arranged for a day out in the beautiful historic city of York. The date for your diary has been set for Wednesday 12th July 2023. The arrangement will be similar to the Lancaster trip and full details will be available soon.

Things to do in York include a visit to York Minister, a trip to Clifford Tower, a walk around the ancient city wall, experience Viking life at the Jorvik centre, a visit to the National Railway Museum or just enjoy tea and cake at Betty's Tea Room.

No Car Day

Fr Brian's No Car Day will be on Monday 17th April



Thank you for your support.

Collections for March

Cash, envelopes etc £2214.57

Standing Orders £1289.50

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

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Rotas Next Weekend 22nd and 23rd April 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton
9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Ainsworth

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle
9am: G. Brindle 11am: P. Corran



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