

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“He will give you another Advocate”.

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6th Sunday Easter		14 th May 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	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass - Milka Vukovic (LD) RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and eclectic conversation ranging from the Coronation of King Charles III, to the influence of neo-classical romanticism in the 19th Century.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday	9.15 a.m.	7.00 p.m.	Feast of Ascension with St Joseph's School Feast of Ascension
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass 7 th Sunday of Easter

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETINGS

Two meetings have been arranged to briefly summarise the needs and expectations of the first Holy Communion services for our children. These are to be held on **Wednesday 17th May** at 2.15 in St Edwards Hall, and 6.00 pm at St Joseph's Church,. Hopefully any questions can be answered, and anxieties eased. All parents whose children are making their first Holy Communion this year are invited to attend.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

The First Communion of our young people will take place this year for St Edward's pupils on **Sunday 11th June**. Pupils from St Joseph's will take place on **Sunday 25th of June**.

CONFIRMATIONS

There have been 67 applications for Confirmation from St Bede's RC High School this year. It is therefore proposed that as the Bishop of our Diocese will be coming to celebrate this sacrament, there will be two evening sessions to accommodate the crowd.
More information will follow shortly.

Coach Trip to Lancaster

This parish outing is fast approaching and has been arranged for parishioners and friends alike. Great attention is paid to the Health and Safety of all those attending.

The trip to Lancaster is arranged for Thursday 25th May 2023 leaving Darwen at 9.30 am and leaving Lancaster at 5.00 pm for our return journey.

Come and join us on this day out to one of Lancashires two cities.

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.

Things to do in Lancaster:

Explore the grounds of Lancaster Castle with its chilling history. Visit Lancaster Cathedral, St Peter's, the mother church of the Diocese of Lancaster, a spiritual home to Catholics living in the area. Discover the history of the Port of Lancaster in the Maritime Museum, for the more adventurous a walk around Williamson Park would be in order or you could just enjoy the shopping and cafes around the city centre.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Patricia Brindle (LD), Jimmy Mullaney (LD), Jean Bolan (LD). Milka Vukovic (LD)

Anniversaries: Joyce Harwood, Bernard Healy, Margaret Smith,

Birthday Anniversaries: Jean Bolan, Donald Harwood, Bernard Healy.

Special Intentions:

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.

MINISTERS MEETING

On **Tuesday 16th May** the church ministers of Darwen will again be meeting to share and support the faith communities of our town.

York Day Out

The Parish is 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.

EXAM TIME

Please pray for our young people who face their first public exams about this time. May they be free to do their best and be happy with the results.



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AFTER THE BLESSING (written in Kenya)

After the blessing
The rattled sense of sound
And bold blustering's
Are calmed
And perception charmed
By the smell of growth
And the green contrast with a blue sky

After the blessing
Those grouped and caught
Beneath narrow roof ledges
Or crouched low on stools
In dark smoky homes
Emerge in conversation
And the children like the birds
begin to sing

After the blessing
There is new hope
Though dirt roads are slippery
And clothes hang heavy
And cool to the touch
And the spirits love
Like Christ's blood
Is poured upon the earth

After the blessing.

Make a Will

Have you made a will yet?
To be born in this country is quite simple. But to die !!!!! Make things so much easier for your family by making a safe clear will. It would be sad if they all ended up fighting over your Des O'Conner record collection.

Thank you for your support.

Collections for April were as follows:
Standing Orders £1072.00 - Cash £3189.52 (5Weeks)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

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Rotas Next Weekend 20th and 21st May 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington
9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald

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