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"Let them both grow till the harvest"

16th Sunday Ordinary Time 23rd July 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, cake and the appointment of a chairperson for the newly formed Tuesday Murder Club
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	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.	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses



The long and winding road to Burnley

Strange what you find out on the road. Is this a Zebra I see?



40th Anniversary in the Priesthood

So, Fr Brian set off last Thursday 20th July leaving Darwen at 8.15 hrs walking to Burnley and returned to St Joseph's at approx. 8.00pm. This time it did not rain which meant that the trip was a bit easier but the following day the joints creaked, and his age was felt in every action. That said in comparison to the victims of the Ukraine conflict, this was as nothing. The walk was to raise money for the poor of Ukraine, and thus celebrate 40 years in the priesthood. No better way to thank God for the blessing than to give to those in need.

"One more step along the road I go!"

You can still contribute by using the link below or using the QR linking you directly to the JustGiving page

Link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/brian-kealey-1687270003028>

Or place cash/cheque in an envelope marked "Ukraine" in the collection.



Live-Stream St Joseph's:

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

A special word for all those at home who follow the Church services on our streaming service. You remain very welcome and a real part of our praying community.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Stella Nelems (LD), Ronald Hunt (LD)

Anniversaries: Peter Richard Kerrane, Tom McIver, Winifred Foster, Eileen Mears, Pauline Culshaw

Special Intentions: Michael and Norma Baeur for 40 years wedding anniversary

Mass of Healing

Saturday the 15th July saw a Mass for the Healing being shared together in St Edwards Hall. This was extremely well attended and was arranged so that our parishioners who quite often follow us on the live stream were able to join others in the service and to share in the hospitality afterwards. We would like to thank all members of our community who worked so hard to organise this to make it such a success.

Poets Corner

My Mother

The faith you lived inspired me

The love you shared fed me

The work you celebrated taught me

Much of what I am

you gave me



Ministers Meeting

There was another meeting of all the church ministers of Darwen this week. It is only by working together that we can hope to continue to develop the partnership that will help to solve some of Darwen problems like helping with the food larder.

The Bar Convent

York has many secrets but many visitors may not be aware of one of its best kept secrets. At a time when Catholicism had been made illegal by Queen Elizabeth 1 a young woman Mary Ward was born in Mulwith Yorkshire, founded a religious congregation for women and started to establish schools across Europe. In 1630's The Catholic Church suppressed Mary's order, closed her schools and imprisoned her. It was 1686 before Mary was able to open a house in York which was the second school for girls and also a secret convent. It was 1769 before building work could start on the new Georgian frontage and eventually the parlour and the secret chapel was completed. From the outside not many people were aware of its well-hidden secrets and thankfully between 1778-1829 Laws against the Catholic faith were repealed. On your next visit try to see the relics of Margaret Clitherow, the priest hole and the Maw tiles which are the finest surviving in the world.

Summer Holidays

Schools out for Summer

This is a good opportunity to thank the staff of all our Catholic Schools for their faithful service. Be it those who clean and maintain the buildings, or those who teach in the classroom. Catholic education is a blessing.

It is worthy of note that you pay for these beautiful church's used by so many. It is also worth recognising that the money does need to come in and there are fewer in the church. So, thank you and pray that we can keep on going.

Thank you for your support.

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Rotas This Weekend 22nd and 23rd July 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: I. Atherton

9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy

Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

9am: M.R. Gordon 11am: J. Ainsworth

Rotas Next Weekend 29th and 30th July 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

Ministers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: B. Beardsworth