

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.....”

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17th Sunday Ordinary Time			30 th 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.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee, cake and a planning session for the setting up of a local bank in Darwen. How much will the Chief Executive be paid?
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass for Antonio Caparelli RIP
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.	The Transfiguration of the Lord

Father Brian's Sponsored Walk

There has been a fantastic response from you all to the raising of funds for the victims of the horrible military conflict in Ukraine. So far up to this point, £3,770.00 has been received to bring much needed relief to the people who have been robbed of normality due to power and greed.

By the way Father Brian is still weary and aware of his age. "Oh Father B you haven't changed a bit"!!!!

You can still contribute by using the link below or using the QR code 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.



Special Donations

An anonymous person has placed a substantial donation through the door of our parish church, and a note thanking all for heating the church in winter. This gesture is so kind on so many levels.

In addition, there has also been a substantial amount of money bequeathed to the parish in a will. This money will maintain the church during this historical period of decline.

When things seem to be heading in the wrong direction our prayers will sometimes be answered.

We just need to continue our faith.

FIFA Women's World Cup

Fr Brian is preparing this newsletter with half an eye on the match between England and Denmark. It's now half time. 1-0. Come on England.

(Note from Editor Full time score 1-0 for England.)



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: Antonio Caparelli (LD)

Anniversaries: Robert Large, Tom McIver, Eileen Mears, Pauline Culshaw, Bill Clarkson, Stephen Hughes, David Pearson, Kathleen Hargreaves, Elizabeth Burke.

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

St Edwards - Found a Key

Did you lose your front door key with a St Christopher key ring?
Well, the above-mentioned saint has left it with Fr Brian.

Catholic Newspaper

There are copies of the newspaper available at the back of church. Good stories and local diocesan news and at no cost.

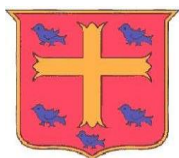
Poets Corner

Rain

Poet: Unknown

Millions of massive rain-drops
Have fallen all around;
They have danced on the house-tops,
They have hidden in the ground.

They were liquid like musicians
With anything for keys,
Beating tunes upon the windows,
Keeping time upon the trees.



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Food Larder meeting

There are still many families in Darwen who have a desperate need and are struggling to provide basic food for themselves and their family.

Thanks to all people and denominations across Darwen who have joined together in an attempt to help solve this problem. A meeting took place last Wednesday evening with many of the people involved and our thanks go to those individuals who work tirelessly to help resolve this growing problem.

Holiday Weeks

Darwen holidays are full of the best memories. Paddling in the sea, ice creams full of sand and picnics. It always seemed to involve rain as has 2023.
Pray for the families.

Wedding Bells

Last Friday 28th July saw the wedding of Ryan and Michelle Humphries.
Many congratulations to you both. We all send our love and best wishes for a long and future happiness together.



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 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

Rotas Next Weekend 5th and 6th August 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity
9am: B. Hughes 11am: J. Walsh

Ministers: 6.15pm: R. Knowles
9am: F. Davis 11am: M. Bauer