

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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" ..where two or three are gathered in  
my name, there am I in the midst of them

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**St Joseph's**

**St Edward's**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Masses</b>
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Tea, Coffee and cake, toast and an assessment to discover if any of us has any crumbling concrete within our structures.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

## The Relics of St Columba, St Andrew, and St Margaret.

These relics important to our faith will be presented at the front of church this **Sunday 10th September** St Joseph's at the 9.00 a.m. Mass and St Edwards at the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

These ancient symbols of Christian spirituality are being taken across the country thus linking us with those who were the foundations of the faith in this country, and sharing with others of the Roman Catholic community. So, we are honoured that the Knights have arranged for this witness in our Churches. Thank you.

### The Relics on display

**St Columba the Irish Missionary**, He was of noble extraction from Niall, King of Ireland. He learned the Divine Scriptures and the lessons of an ascetic life under the Bishop, St Finian. He left an indelible mark on Scottish Christianity. His relics represent his missionary zeal and dedication in spreading the Gospel, providing an opportunity to deepen ones understanding of his legacy.

**St Andrew Scotland's** is the patron saint of several countries and cities including Barbados, Romania, Scotland, Ukraine, Pienza and Amalfi in Italy, Esqueira in Portugal, Liqa in Malta, Paranaque in the Philippines and Patras in Greece. He is the patron saint of singers, spinsters, maidens, fishmongers, fishermen, women wanting to be mothers, gout and sore throats. His relics strengthen the Knights commitment to preserving the regions spiritual heritage and offer a personal connection to their faith.

**St Margaret** Queen of Scotland also known as Saint Margaret of Wessex embodies piety and compassion. She was born a Saxon princess in Hungary to the expatriate English prince Edward the Exile. Margaret and her family returned to England in 1057 and was part of the Royal family of Wessex. Margaret founded many churches, monasteries and pilgrimage hostels and established the Royal Mausoleum at Dunfermline Abbey with monks from Canterbury. Her relics exemplify her unwavering faith charitable works, offering a chance to connect with her remarkable life and spirituality.

Many thanks to those who have made this event possible.



**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:** Lynn Higham (LD), Vic Avanzi (LD), Eddie Stanton (LD), Zofia Kowaleska (LD), Irene Gleave (LD), Andy Sharples (LD)

**Anniversaries:** Mr. Kowaleska, Margaret Barker, Derek Leaf, Mel Doherty, Michael Reddy.

**Special Intentions:**

## Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

A coach trip has been arranged for **Tuesday 17th October 2023**. We will be setting off at 9.15am from both churches and first travel to visit the beautiful little town of Bakewell, within the Peak District National Park. In the afternoon we will travel on to Chatsworth House. The cost being £20.00 per person. It is a sponsored day out so as a parishioner why not take advantage. Look out for the list at the rear of both Churches to enter your name and put your money in an envelope marked with your name and "Chatsworth Trip" and hand to Fr Brian

## Race Night

The Knights of St. Columba are organising a family fun night out at St Joseph's Parish Hall on **Saturday 7th October 2023**.

The evening will take the form of a Race Night, doors open 7.30 with the first race starting at 8.00 pm. Entry price is £6.00 adults, £3.00 children which includes supper.

## Candidates to become Catholic

As Christmas approaches, we shall again be setting up classes in preparation for individuals interested in becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church. If you are curious then mention this to Fr Brian and watch this space.

## Food Larder

We are going to use money from all baptism donations to buy a pallet of baked beans and tomato soup. These are basic items that people require and will be greatly accepted.



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## Christmas Fair and other collections

There has been a number of suggestions received. From this list we shall make a donation to "Let the Children Live" the Knight's of St Columba charity.

We shall give all collections from the Easter weekend service to Dementia UK, and for this Christmas will adopt the PULMONARY FIBROSIS TRUST. This last is a small charity that will get quite a boost from whatever is raised.

## Mill Hill Missionary Boxes (The Red Box)

It is that time of year again.

If you would like your collection box emptied and to receive the latest edition of our magazine telling you about all the work undertaken by this Society, please let Maggie or Sarah know and they will arrange collection.

Thanks for all your contributions and support. It really makes a difference.

## Our Mission

To go out to be followers of Christ in dialogue with people different from ourselves, proclaiming in our daily lives, in Word and Sacrament, that the Kingdom of God, present in all cultures, has been revealed in a unique way in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

## Going to the Zoo

On Tuesday Fr Brian will be spending his day off at Chester Zoo. You never grow too old to enjoy the things which appear wonderful even to children.

This will be a time to explore and marvel at the fascinating world of the animal kingdom.

It is worthy of note that you pay for these beautiful church's used by so many.

So, thank you and pray that we can keep on going.

**Thank you for your support.**

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## Rotas this Weekend 9th & 10th September 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: D. Witherington  
9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald  
**Ministers:** 6.15pm: P. Wardle  
9am: G. Brindle 11am: J. Ainsworth

## Rotas this Weekend 16th & 17th September 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: C.Garrity  
9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy  
**Ministers:** 6.15pm: P. Ainscough  
9am: M.R. Gordon 11am: B. Beardsworth