



“..... Believe in Him”.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

1st October 2023

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.	Eucharistic Service followed by Tea, Coffee and cake and the launch of the superfast rail link between the two church's. Requiem Mass Jean Waring (LD)
Wednesday	9.15 a.m..		Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.		School Harvest Mass
Friday	10.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	Requiem Mass Mark Wood (LD) Requiem Mass Vera Henry (LD)
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

The coach is fulling up fast. Why not join us on this amazing day out into the country?
The coach trip has been arranged for **Tuesday 17th October 2023**. We will be setting off at approx. 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. There has been a great response so in order to secure your place, put your name down ASAP.

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



Christmas Fair

The date of this year's Christmas Fair has now been changed to **Sunday 3rd December 2023 after the Mass at St Edwards**. It has been agreed that half of the funds collected on the day will be going to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust and the other half to the parish. Money from all of the collections over the Christmas period will also be donated to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust.
So, beware we shall be looking for volunteers to donate items and to organise individual stalls and generally help out on the day. If you have any ideas for new types of stalls that we should consider, please let Fr Brian know early then we can work on it.

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.



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: Irene Gleave (LD), Mark Wood (LD), Vera Henry (LD), Jean Waring (LD)

Anniversaries: Blanche Elizabeth Grime, John Noblet, Barry Mellor, Alan Almond, Robert Makin, Pauline Culshaw, Paul Bernard Kerrane,

Special Intentions:

St Bede's on the Environment

On the weekend of October 14th and 15th a number of students from St Bede's RC High School will be coming to our masses to talk to us about the environment. As young people they will encourage us to follow the example of Pope Francis in caring for the gift of our planet.

Candidates to become Catholic

A change of dates due to the interest shown by a candidate who works on a Monday evening. In order to accommodate this and by mutual agreement, there has been a shift of dates from the Monday evenings to FRIDAY evenings. The new dates for your diary are now Friday 24th November, 1st December, 8th December and 15th December.

We shall work towards receiving those candidates who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church on Christmas morning. Fr. Brian promises that the talks will last no longer than an hour. The sessions are arranged to be an introduction to the Faith as there is always so much more to learn.

School Chaplains

The new school chaplaincy teams from across our area met last Wednesday for a day's seminar at St Edwards Hall. This was a most successful event and included the support of students from St Bede's RC High School. Well done to our Chaplaincy.

The Chaplaincy Teams generates ideas of ways in which the schools can support local, national and international charities, such as Caritas in the Diocese of Salford, CAFOD and Ukraine.

The event was organised by St Edwards school and our thanks go to all those involved for organising this.



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Rotas this Weekend 30th Sept & 1st October 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton

9am: B. Hughes 11am: C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: R. Knowles

9am: F. Davis 11am: C. Avino

Ministers Meeting

The ministers from different denominations met at St Barnabus Church house for a general discussion. DECISIONS WERE MADE. We are to have a trail of visits to different Church's in the town **on Saturday 18th November** St Cuthbert's C of E, Bright Street Methodist, Central United Reform, Victoria Street Mosque and St Joseph's RC will be the places of worship to be visited. We will be seen to be working together.

Your Help is Required

We need more Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to assist with the Sunday Service, in particular at St Joseph's. Your help would be a great contribution to our community. Could you participate for a year on a rota basis? For more information, please speak to Fr. Brian.

Fr Kevin Kenny

The Vigil Mass for Fr Kevin Kenny will take place at Pleasington Priory on **Thursday 19th October** at 7.00 pm. The Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th October at 12.00 noon.

May he rest in peace.

Mill Hill Missionary Boxes (The Red Box)

Please remember to take your red collection box home with you as there is still a few left at the back of church.

Thank you for your support.

Cancer Research UK

A date for your diary, please support this event. There will be a Table Top and Autumn Fair Sale on **Saturday 7th October** 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. This event will take place at Derwent Hall, George St Darwen with a variety of stalls, tombola and home-made refreshments. **Free Admission**

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 next Weekend 7th & 8th October 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

9am: S. McMillian 11am: J. Ainsworth

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: R. Knowles

9am: G. Brindle 11am: B. Suddick