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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

24th September 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.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and cake and a general discussion as to where to place a wind turbine to greatest effect in the community.
Wednesday		11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass Irene Gleave (LD)
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.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

Join us on this amazing day out into the country. 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. 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), Andy Sharples (LD) Mark Wood (LD), Vera Henry (LD), Jean Waring(LD)

Anniversaries: Peter Reddy, Mary Drew, Kathleen Hargreaves, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, John Noblet, Barry Mellor, Alan Almond, Robert Makin.

Wedding Anniversary: Joe and Irene Grisdale 70th Wedding Anniversary

A Donation

We have received a cheque from the estate of a deceased parishioner this week. Many thanks to all who consider our parish in their will as they plan ahead for when they will leave us.

Candidates to become Catholic

We shall work towards receiving those candidates who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church on Christmas morning. So dates for one hour meetings of preparations have been arranged for Mondays at 7.00pm. The dates arranged are 27th November, then 4th December, 11th December and finally 18th December. Fr. Brian promises that the talks will last no longer than an hour. The sessions are arranged to be an introduction to the Faith because there is always so much more to learn.

Hospital Visit

Fr. Brian is on hospital call from next Thursday evening to Saturday 3.00pm.

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.

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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Rotas this Weekend 23rd & 24th September 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: M. Bauer

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.

A New Cross

The school of St Edwards is delighted by the new, beautiful cross that has been erected outside the main entrance to the school. The cross was constructed by our own Michael Grime, who is a man of many talents. Thank you Michael.

Have You Had Your Flu Jab Yet?

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.

Card Reading System

We are looking toward introducing a credit card donation system for use within the parish. We are still at the early stages of the process. We want to ensure that the system is simple to use.

Cash it seems is no longer King.

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 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