

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



"...take up his cross, and follow me."

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

3rd 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.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and the grand master plan for the Great Leap Forward.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday	10.30 a.m.		Requiem Mass for Vic Avanzi (LD)
Friday		9.15 a.m.	Mass with the school children
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass
			Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

St Columba the Irish Missionary, left an indelible mark on Scottish Christianity. His relics represent his missionary zeal and dedication to spreading the Gospel, providing an opportunity to deepen ones understanding of his legacy.

St Andrew Scotland's patron saint. 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, embodies piety and compassion. 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.

Schools Reopen

God bless all our Schools that open this week.

St Joseph's School

Friday 1st September is a school inset day
School opens Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term
School closes Friday 20th October 2023
School opens Monday 31st October 2023
School closes Thursday 21st December 2023

St Edwards School

School opens Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term
School closes Friday 20th October 2023
Monday 30th Oct is a school inset day
School opens Tuesday 31st October 2023
School closes Thursday 21st December 2023

St Bede's High School

School opens Tuesday 5th September 8.15am 2023
Autumn Half Term
School closes Thursday 19th October 2.55pm 2023
School opens Monday 30th October 8.15am 2023
School closes Thursday 21st December 2.55pm 2023.



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)

Anniversaries: Jimmy Mullaney, Mr. Kowaleska, Margaret Barker,

Special Intentions:

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

Do you have any spare pet food? Those who love their pets will often prioritise the animal above themselves.

Thus, it is a kindness to relieve them of this worry for a short time. What's more we cannot really use funding to pay for such items.

Catholic Newspaper

The latest edition of the Catholic newspaper is now available at the rear of both churches. These are free so please take a copy and have a good read.

Coach Trip

We are still open for suggestions of where to go on future coach trips for this year and into 2024. Destinations already received include Chester for the Christmas Market, York again, there is a lot to explore, North Wales.

Donations required for Knitting Wool

We are looking for donations of knitting wool suitable to make baby and children's clothing. Please leave any contributions at the rear of church and we will arrange to get it to the knitter. Please contact Patsy Bellusci, or Maggie Alvarez.



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Rotas this Weekend 2nd & 3rd September 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton

9am: B. Hughes 11am: B. Beardsworth

Ministers: 6.15pm: R. Knowles

9am: F. Davis 11am: P. Corran

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.

Christmas is coming

We are still looking for suggestions regarding adopting charities as we move towards Christmas. The following have already been put forward as possibilities.

The Knights of St. Columba National Action Charity Let the Children Live. This charity provides for children in Medellin Columbia. £50 provides lunch for a month, £25 helps with bus fares for a month and £10 provides a child with a school pack.

There has been a suggestion that we adopt The Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust, a charity established 10 years ago to provide personal and practical help to victims. Pulmonary Fibrosis being a progressive lung disease, for which there is no cure. A relatively rare illness which claims 800 lives in the UK each year.

Other suggestions are still welcome.

SVP

The next meeting of the SVP group will be on Monday 4th September at 7.00pm. We will be meeting at the St Joseph's meeting room.

This group continues to carry out an important contribution within our community and we thank them for all the sterling work they undertake.

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 next 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