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"..many are called, but few are chosen."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

15th 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			No Service. Trip to Chatsworth
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Harvest Mass. School Children in Church
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass
			Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

The coach trip has been arranged for **Tuesday 17th October 2023**. There will be no service at either church on this day.

We will leave St Joseph's at 9.15 am and travel on to pick up at the Anchor (after a quick 4 or 5 pints ha ha) at 9.25 am.

We first travel to visit the delightful little town of Bakewell, within the Peak District National Park. Here in Bakewell, where they are having an Indian summer, you will have time to explore and stock up with the famous Bakewell Tarts. In the afternoon we will travel on to Chatsworth House where we have timed entry so that we can enjoy the awe - inspiring beauty of the house and its gardens. Thanks go to all who have made this trip happen. We are always open to suggestions for future trips out.



The Gaza Strip

Lets all pray for peace.

Violence breeds Violence.

The only people who suffer are the innocent.

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.

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.



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:

Anniversaries: Derek Walsh, Clara Makin, Anne McIver, Margaret Dewhurst, Peter Dawson, Neil Christensen,

Special Intentions: Pray for a mass for special intention.

St Bede's on the Environment

As a result of unforeseen circumstances, the young people from St Bede's are not able to visit us this weekend. They will however be visiting us at a date yet to be decided. They have seeds for distribution, for us to plant and will deliver a strong message to all our parishioners. This means that we can have the Bishop's letter instead.

Your Help is Required

We need more Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to assist with the Sunday Service, in particular at St Joseph's. There is a form available from Fr. Brian for those able to volunteer.

Harvest Festivals

On Thursday 19th October we will celebrate the Harvest Mass at St Edwards. This means that both of our schools will have celebrated the joy of having enough to share. The food donated is given over to the food larder for distribution.

The SVP

The next meeting of the SVP is on **Monday 16th October** at St Edwards at 7.00 pm.

We are hoping to hold a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm** in St Edwards Church.

Race Night

Thanks to the Knights for organising this event. It was an enjoyable evening with everyone participating, making it a good family night out. The potato pie was much appreciated and went down well.



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Rotas this Weekend 14th & 15th October 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: G. Brindle 11am: A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

9am: M. R. Gordon 11am: T. Kennedy

Candidates to become Catholic

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.

Ministers Meeting

In the recent meeting between the ministers it was agreed to have a trail of visits to different Church's in the town. This will be **on Saturday 18th November** and will include visits to St Cuthbert's C of E, Bright Street Methodist, Central United Reform, Victoria Street Mosque and St Joseph's RC.

We will be seen to be working together.

Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Three of Fr. Brian's brothers were present at this celebration. All were very regal with crowns upon their heads. The only one with a modest covering of hair was Fr. Brian.

Poets Corner

Busy days

Tired seeking the consolation
and distraction of a dramatic event.

I fail to feel the simple kindness
of faith, and the joy of humility.

Be still, be still my soul
and know the presence of God

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.

A/C: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

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Rotas next Weekend 21st and 22nd October 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: P. Corran