



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"..pay to Caesar what is due to Caesar, pay unto God what belongs to God."

<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Edward's</b>

<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.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service this will be followed by tea, Coffee, cake and arrangements to follow the Madonna world tour. Defying fashion, time and indeed mortality. Maybe as Catholics we will be more interested in the simplicity of the other female ideal defying fashion, time, and indeed mortality.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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<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>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

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**ON CLIMATE CRISIS**

Once and for all, let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue as something purely ecological, "green", and romantic, frequently subject to ridicule by economic interests. Let us finally admit that it is a human and social problem on any number of levels. For this reason, it calls for the involvement on the part of all.

In Conferences on the climate, the action of groups negatively portrayed as "radicalised" tend to attract attention. But in reality, they are filling **the space left empty by society as a whole, which ought to exercise a healthy "pressure", since every family ought to realise that the future of their children is at stake.**


**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 let Fr Brian know early then we can work on it.

	<p><b>Live-Stream St Joseph's:</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen">https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen</a></p>
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## Mass Intentions

### Lately Dead:

**Anniversaries:** Anne Mclver, Margaret Dewhurst, Peter Dawson, Neil Christensen, Elizabeth (Betty) Morrin

**Special Intentions:** Pray for a mass for special intention.

## Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

Fr Brian is disappointed to announce that he had problems finding a decent tart in Bakewell. Indeed, he ended up finding only a pudding. (Story of his life really). However, we did book the best weather of the week, only one traffic jam, and a fairly empty Chatsworth house. It is an amazing place, both the house and gardens were spectacular and the sunshine showed them off to their best. So a good time was had by all, and we look forward to our next trip. Suggestions always welcome.

Thank you to all the organisers that made this trip possible.



## Eucharistic services

Fr. Brian will be in Edinburgh next week. Yahay !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The people of Scotland will wonder what has hit them.

Your presence at the Eucharistic services this week is very much appreciated. There are fewer and fewer ordained priests and prayer, the heartbeat of the Church, must be maintained.

## Candidates to become Catholic

The new dates for your diary are now Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> December and 15<sup>th</sup> December. The start time for the meetings is 7.00pm.

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.

## St Bede's on the Environment

The young people from St Bede's were not able to visit us last week. 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.

The message from the Bishop's letter to us all made us aware that we all need to be alert to this growing crisis and actively engaged.

## Your Help is Required

Thanks to those who responded to the request for volunteers to help with reading at the mass. Fr Brian will be in touch upon his return from Scotland.



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## The SVP

We are holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in St Edwards Church. This Mass is a special Liturgy held annually in November to remember all those who have died the previous 12 months. All the families of the deceased members are invited to share in this Mass and remember their loved ones.

## 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 held **on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Rotas next Weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: D. Witherington

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: F. Davis 11am: J. Ainsworth