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"..... finally, he sent his son".

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

8th 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.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and cake and a review of how many more traffic lights we can place on the Blackburn-Bolton road. Creating time for peaceful meditation.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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.	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Coach Trip to Chatsworth House

Why not join us on this amazing day out into the country and a chance to visit this great house? This is the last chance to put your name forward. 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.

Fr Kevin Kenny

The Vigil Mass for Fr Kevin Kenny will take place at Plesington 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.

Race Night

Thanks to the Knights for organising this event. Hopefully there were a great many winners, as well as the parish.



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, Derek Walsh, Clara Makin,

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.

Ruby Anniversary

The first wedding Fr Brian undertook was to officiate at his brother's wedding. Now, 40 years on, the happy couple are celebrating this event on Saturday with Fr. Brian in attendance. Please welcome Fr. Samson, our Hospital Chaplain who will undertake Fr. Brian's duties.

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.

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.

The Good Work of the SVP

The SVP within our Parish consists of 8 members who meet every fortnight and have carried out over 10 visits per week to needy people. We are most grateful for the church collection that raised £400, allowing us to continue with our important work. This work has included providing shoes for children, emergency help for food and energy costs, help with accommodation, supported by Social Services, working with asylum seekers to help them integrate into the community. We have also provided Christmas and Easter cards for prisoners and others not supported by their families.

To promote our work in the community we have visited local schools to discuss the kind of help we could offer. You may have also seen our posters at the back of church.

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

Harvest Festivals

Thank you to all those communities that have brought in produce from their harvest festivals and donated it all to the food larder.

This helps a lot with the fantastic work that is undertaken by the various churches for those in need.

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.

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 this 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

Rotas next 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