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"Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert"

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Joseph's

St Edward's

19th November 2023

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	10.00 a.m.	Mass 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.	Eucharistic Service followed by Tea and Coffee
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	10.00 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Christ the King

Fr Brian goes to Rome

Fr Brian goes to Rome on **Sunday 19th November**. Please think of this new pilgrim during this week. For the first time in his life, he is to venture close to the historical centre of the Church.

We wish him a safe journey and we look forward to hearing of his adventures following his return on Friday 24th November.



November Remembrance

There is a place of honour at the front of the altars at St Josephs and St Edwards for you to place the envelopes of remembrance for November. As an act of respect, you can write upon a sheet of paper the names of those you love who have gone before you, place this in the envelope and seal it.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE.

The act of remembering and writing down the names is beautiful in itself.

SVP Christmas Meal

A Christmas Meal for the Elderly and Housebound has been arranged for **Saturday 16th December** at St Edwards Hall at 1.00pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of each church if you wish to attend.

Red Missionary Collection Boxes

It is that time of year to receive the Mill Hill Missionary Calendar. Maggie Alvarez will be delivering them over the next few weeks and will empty your box for December. The boxes can also be brought to church for collection if you prefer.

Faith Walk

This was held on Saturday morning and our journey took us to St Cuthberts C of E, Bright St Methodist, Central United Reform Church and the Madina Masjid Mosque on Victoria St. We finished at St Joseph's RC for a welcome cup of tea. Thanks go to everyone who made this event happen.

We have planned to hold a future event on the **Tuesday 23rd January 2024** at St Edwards Parish Hall from 12.30. You are all warmly welcome to join us and we hope to discuss what we have in common and what divides us.



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: Helen Flannery (LD), Maureen West (LD)

Anniversaries: Mary Howard, The Taylor Family, The Sandbach Family, The Mears Family, The Clarkson Family, The Junior Clarkson Family, Catherine Culshaw, John Howard, The Howard Family, Alice Sandbach, Dennis James Hamer, Helen Smith, Peter Summerfield, David Pearson, Conlan Family, Wickers Family, Durkin Family, Blanch Elizabeth Grime, Declan Troy, Joan Wright, Gary Francis.

Special Intentions: Kathleen Hall- for a sick friend, Thanksgiving for A. Y.

Candidates to become Catholic

Fr Brian will have returned mid-afternoon Friday 24th November. Those who wish to join him at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's presbytery are welcome. This will be the first of four dates including Fri 1st Dec, Fri 8th Dec, and Fri 15th Dec,

The sessions will last no longer than one hour and are designed as an introduction to the faith as there is always so much more to learn.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The **Knights of St Columba** are running a Reverse Advent Calendar again this year. The purpose of this is to give back to those less fortunate this year.

Collect your items throughout November and December such as toiletries, beans, pasta, etc... maybe a toy or two. Bring to the food bank by 18th December so as we can distribute to the families in need during this Season of Goodwill.

Ukrainian Flags

Time continues to pass, and we endure the dreadful impasse in the Ukrainian conflict. We now have further developments of other awful military action in other parts of the world. It may be an appropriate time to remove our Ukrainian Flags, which are a symbol of support reflecting only one of these terrible conflicts.

Hopefully we can return them at the end of the conflict whenever that may be.



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Rotas this Weekend 18th & 19th November 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: C. Avino

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is **Sunday 3rd December 2023 after the Mass at St Edwards. Starting at 12.00 pm.**

A planning meeting has been arranged for Monday evening **27th November** at St Edwards Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Come along with any ideas you may have to make the day fun.

We need prizes for Tombola, bottles for the now famous bottle stall. Toys for the school stall. Cakes and homemade biscuits. Books and brick a brac. We also need lots of various types of chocolate.

Father Christmas is booked and promises to be there.



Knights of St Columba

The Knights plan to help us all keep Christ in Christmas by providing Posters and Stickers. These will be available to collect from both churches from **26th November**. As we all start to prepare for the big day and busy ourselves with thinking about food, drink and presents, we tend to forget the true and humble meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus. Also we need to remember that there are others less fortunate than ourselves who will be relying on the food bank. Please give generously.

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.

The collections for October were:
Cash £2750.87 (5 weeks)
Standing Orders £1210.50

Thank you for your support.

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Rotas next Weekend 25th & 26th November 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity
9am: B. Hughes 11am: C. Avino
Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity
9am: F. Davis 11am: B. Suddick