



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"..whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

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<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>St Edward's</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass 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.		Mass
Tuesday		9.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea and Coffee
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		<b>12.00 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Declan Troy LD)</b>
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>

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

A planning meeting has been arranged for **Monday evening 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**SVP Christmas Meal**  
A Christmas Meal for the Elderly and Housebound has been arranged for **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 Gathering**  
We have planned to hold a future event on the **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Mass Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Maureen West (LD).

**Anniversaries:** Conlan Family, Wickers Family, Durkin Family, Blanch Elizabeth Grime, Declan Troy, Joan Wright, Gary Francis, Esther McIntyre, Charles McIntyre.

**Special Intentions:**

### Candidates to become Catholic

Informative sessions for those who wish to become a catholic are held at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's presbytery. The first of these was held last Friday and there will be further discussions on 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.

### SVP Christmas Gifts

The SVP have arranged for handmade Christmas gifts comprising of earrings and brooches to be on sale at the rear of St Edwards Church. The gifts will then be available at St Joseph's Church for those last-minute Christmas purchases.

All these jewellery items are priced at £2, and all the proceeds will go towards the work of the SVP.

### CAFOD update:

A huge thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners across 762 parishes in England & Wales signed the letter. (Including 3,500 signatures from 37 churches in this diocese.)

Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." Your support helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start.

Thank you for adding your voice.



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### Fr Brian in Rome

After searching for a set of purple socks, Fr. Brian was informed by the other priests on the trip that in his case such regalia was a little redundant! Indeed, the first call maybe to buy a clerical collar. More details will follow at a later date. Blessings and prayers for the Pope.

### 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 that we can distribute to the families in need during this Season of Goodwill.

### 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 **26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

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 this Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### Rotas next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: L. Atherton

9am: P. McMillan 11am: J. Ainsworth

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15pm: R. Knowles

9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy