

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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**"..Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**St Joseph's**

**St Edward's**

<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.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass this will be followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and a discussion dominated by Artificial Intelligence.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		7.00 p.m.	SVP Mass of Remembrance for the Holy Souls followed by refreshments.
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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			<b>Vigil Mass</b>
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## 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.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE.

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

## Fr Brian celebrates

Fr Brian is going away again. This time to Rome to celebrate 40 years of priesthood. A gift from the English College Rome. He will meet other priests of his generation, who share the Peter Pan existence of being considered young clergy.

## The Gaza Strip

Lets all pray for peace.  
Violence breeds Violence.  
The only people who suffer are the innocent.

## Christmas Fair Update

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

We need prizes for Tombola, Bottles for the now famous bottle stall. Toys for the school stall. Cakes and homemade biscuits. Oh! How we need cakes!

Father Christmas is booked and promises to be there. All this fun on Sunday 3rd of December.



**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:** Jennifer Marsden LD, Jill Katherine Montague LD

**Anniversaries:** George W. Wright, Michael Smith, Jane Jennings, Margaret McNally, Frank Jennings Sr., Frank Jennings Jr., May Slater, Pasquale & Delia Pietrosanto, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Trent Duffy, Mary Howard, The Taylor Family.

**Special Intentions:** Pray for a mass for special intention. Kathleen Hall for a sick friend.

## The SVP Mass of Remembrance

We are holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in St Edwards Church. This is a simple mass open to all as a special act of remembrance in November. We remember especially those who have died in this past year. We pray that they celebrate the joy of eternity, and that we have the strength to take on the challenges of the day without their physical presence.

All the families and friends of the deceased members are invited to share in this Mass and remember their loved ones.

## Candidates to become Catholic

The new dates for your diary are 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.



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## Rotas this Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Readers:** 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald

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

9am: G. Brindle 11am: B. Beardsworth

## November Faith

The rattle of small arms.  
The crack and blast of artillery raids.  
All these with childlike wonder we celebrate  
And gaze in awe at the crescendo  
of those destructive lanterns.

A four-hundred-year-old ritual  
as winters bite makes festive  
the burning pyre.

The safe sacrifice superficial.  
The past transformed to fantasy.

And lives here that do not see beyond  
to desert cities scorched  
with manufactured destruction.  
Creating terror  
as these same pretty colours blaze.

My God how I hate  
The fanatic Guy Fawkes  
And this foolish day.

## Faith Walk

We shall be travelling around some of the different places of Worship in Darwen, on **SATURDAY MORNING the 18<sup>th</sup> of November** beginning at 10.00 am from St Cuthbert's Church.

This is a simple idea. We familiarise each other with the different churches and Mosques and act as people of faith.

Come and join us on this faith walk around Darwen.

More details to follow.

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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

9am: G. Brindle 11am: P. Simms

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15pm: P. Wardle

9am: M. R. Gordon 11am: M. Bauer