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John said, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"

3rd Sunday of Advent **17th December 2023**
St Joseph's **St Edward's**

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass 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 and Coffee and a swapping of cards.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.		School Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Mass
Sunday		11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Mass 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass Midnight Mass
Monday	9.00 a.m.		Mass
Christmas Day		11.00 a.m.	Mass

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year

Notice for Christmas Masses

Please note that there will be no Newsletter next week so please retain this one to remind you of the Masses over the Christmas period.

There will be a 6.15 p.m Mass at St Joseph's Church on **Saturday 23rd of December**, but no 9.00 a.m. Mass at St Josephs on the **Sunday 24th December** morning.

An 11.00 a.m. Mass will take place at St Edwards on the Sunday morning **24th December** (Christmas Eve). The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will start at 6.30 p.m. at St Edwards. The Midnight Mass will take place at St Joseph's Church.

There will be a **9.00 a.m.** Mass on **Christmas Day** at St Josephs, also an **11.00 a.m.** Mass at St Edwards.

SVP Christmas Meal

Thanks to all who set up and celebrated this annual event at St Edwards Sat 16th DEC. It is just great that people go out of their way to show friendliness and kindness.

Prayer Decorations

At the back of church. you will find lots of Christmas gift tags for you to write a prayer upon. (Or maybe someone you wish to remember, or a hope for the future) These will be used to decorate the Christmas tree.



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: Jean Casey (LD), Helen Cowell (LD), Sally Carter (LD),

Anniversaries: Bernard Healey, Alan Heys, Barbara Timms, Thomas Taylor, George Hackett, Mrs. Ted Goodwin, Brian Christopher Walsh, Christopher Burke.

Christmas Masses: John and Mary Howard, Robert Large, The Taylor Family, George & Annie Hackett, The Howard Family, The Durkin Family, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane) Trent Duffy.

Prayers for the Pope

As we now know Pope Francis was unable to undertake his visit to the COP28 Conference in Dubai. He did manage to send his address regarding the climate crisis, emphasising the need to move ahead with greater energy efficiency and a change of a wasteful lifestyle.

Please pray for Pope Francis and the climate issues that are so dear to his heart.

Market Blessing of Crib

Thank you to all who joined in the cross Church ecumenical blessing of the Crib in the Market Hall last Saturday. Hopefully this will become an annual event with ever increasing joy.

Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust

All the collections from the Christmas masses will be going to this Charity. It is not a huge organisation and so your contributions together with half of the proceeds from the Christmas fayre will make a great difference. Ask your family members if they want to add to the whole thing and make it wonderful.

Faith Gathering

On the **Tuesday 23rd January 2024** at St Edwards Parish Hall from 12.30pm, we have planned a gathering of representatives of the town faiths. We plan to discuss what our faiths have in common and what makes them distinctive.

You are all warmly welcome to join us.



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Sacramental Programme

The first meetings of the parents involved in the programme will take place Wednesday **17th of January** 2.15pm at St Edwards Hall, and 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church.

Top Class Trip

Last Tuesday the top classes of our Schools went to Bolton Octagon and then around the World in Eighty days. They arrived there in a double decker bus and a great time was had by all.

In a twist from Jules Verne's original tale, it's Lady Phileas Fogg who accepts the challenge to travel round the world in 80 days to win a £50,000 bet.



Offertory Envelopes

Most of the envelopes have now been collected from the churches. There are a few still to be collected. If you have not collected yours, please can you pick it up from the back of the church or give Alec a call on 07565108780.

End of Term

As we approach the end of the Autumn school term a big thank you must go to all the pupils and staff who have worked constantly to show we have wonderful ambassadors in our Parish.

It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our 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 16th and 17th December 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: M. Alvarez: 11am: M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Ainsworth

Rotas next Weekend 23rd & 24th December 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton

9am: B. Huges 11am: B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: F. Davis 11am: B. Suddick