

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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" My eyes have seen your salvation"

The Holy Family

31st December 2023

St Joseph's

St Edward's

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.		Mass.
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and New Year Resolutions.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
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.	Mass The Epiphany of the Lord

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to You All

Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust

After a very great effort over the Christmas period, we are in a position to donate £2,256.70 to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust. This will help enormously with the work of this small charity. Congratulations, you are a fantastic community who make a real difference.



**Pulmonary
Fibrosis Trust**

The Beautiful Churches of Our Parish

Thanks must go to all of those who decorated the two Churches of our Parish for the Christmas period. They both looked brilliant and added so much more to our general celebrations.

I would like to personally thank these individuals as they continue to work anonymously throughout the year keeping our places of worship clean and in good condition. They work tirelessly and are a dedicated group of people. *FR Brian.*



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 Cowell (LD), Sally Carter (LD)

Mass Intentions for Anniversaries and the Christmas period: Alan Heys, Barbara Timms, Thomas Taylor, George Hackett, Ted Goodwin, Brian Christopher Walsh, Christopher Burke, Frank Halliwell, 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, Margaret & Joseph Smith, Brian Entwistle, The Entwistle Family, The Waddington Family, The Byrne Family, Winifred Pattinson, The McIver Family, Joe & Esther Holden, The McIntyre Family, The Scott Family, The Grime Family, Peter Munroe Scott, Peter Summer Field, John McIntosh, Jimmy Mullaney, David Spink.

Special Intention: Three Masses for Special intention, Mass for Special Intention.

The Big Listen

We are looking for volunteers to take part in a diocese wide project to get the opinions and priorities of the people in the benches. This means you and it is a chance to have your say. This is an international project of the Church involving consultation which needs full participation. If you feel that you would like to contribute, please reserve the evening of **Thursday 11th** of January for an hour's work at St Josephs.

New Year Resolutions

What is your New Year Resolution?

Pick up a good habit. Not something which is so enormous that it can only end in a feeling of disappointment and guilt, nor something that is not useful.

Plus remember we are Roman Catholic so beginning again is a core part of our lives. If you miss a day begin again.

A list of the top three resolution:

- Helping others
- Lose weight
- Reducing my stress levels.



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Sacramental Programme

There will be meetings of the parents involved in the Sacramental programme taking place on **Wednesday 17th of January 2.15pm** at St Edwards Hall, and **6.00pm** at St Joseph's Church.

No doubt we shall also soon be talking about confirmation.

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.

A Review of the Year

Looking back over the year our parish has contributed greatly in building a strong community. These have included Joint Faith events across our Darwen Churches, the visit of the relics arranged by the Knights, Educational and cultural coach trips, a successful Christmas Fair, an increase in the number of young people making their first Holy Communion, SVP helping our community in need, food larder and visiting priests.

Let us hope that we can continue to build on our strong base to show our true Christian beliefs in practice.

It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our beautiful church's that are 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 30th & 31st December 2023

Readers: 6.15pm: D. Witherington
9am: B. Hughes 11am: J. Ainsworth
Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: R. Knowles
9am: G. Brindle 11am: T. Kennedy

Rotas next Weekend 6th and 7th January 2024

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garity
9am: M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh
Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle
9am: M. R. Gordon 11am: P. Corran