

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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"Then, seeing the star, they were
gladdened by a very great joy."

The Epiphany of the Lord

7th January 2024

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	9.00 a.m.		School Mass at St Joseph's School
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and Darts Practice for 16 year plus parishioners.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday		9.00 a.m.	School Mass in St Edwards Church
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust

We are pleased to report that a further £55.00 has been received to be donated to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust. This has brought the grand total to £2311.70 which we have passed over to the 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**

Our Parish Coach Trip 2024

People enjoyed the trips that were organised last year 2023. We are now into a new year and the planning must continue if we are to enjoy further trips this year.

We require some suggestions as to when we should go. Before or after Easter!

Where would you like to go for the trip? Previously we have been to Liverpool, Chester, York and Chatsworth House. Would you like to visit any of these again or further options are open for consideration, like North Wales, The Lakes or The Dales.

Your suggestions are important in making the trip a success.



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:

Mass Intentions: Ted Godwin, Brian Christopher Walsh, Christopher Burke. Frank Halliwell, Margaret & Joseph Smith, Brian Entwistle, The Entwistle Family, The Waddington Family, The Byrne Family, Winifred Pattinson, The McIver Family, Anne McIver, Joe & Esther Holden, The McIntyre Family, The Scott Family, The Grime Family, Peter Munroe Scott, Peter Summerfield, John McIntosh, Jimmy Mullaney, David Spink.

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

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.

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.



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.

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.

New Year Resolutions

Good News Fr Brian's sink is still clear of pots, what is your New Year Resolution? There is still time to make yours. 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.

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.

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Rotas this Weekend 6th and 7th January 2024

Readers: 6.15pm: C. Garrity

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

9am: M. R. Gordon 11am: P. Corran

Rotas next Weekend 13th and 14th January 2024

Readers: 6.15pm: L. Atherton

9am: B. Hughes 11am: C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

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