



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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*And the man with Leprosy was cured.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

*St Joseph's*

*St Edward's*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 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		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and an involved debate on how many angels can dance upon the head of a needle.
		<b>12.00 Noon</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Dymphna Cunningham LD</b>
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	7.00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>

## Parish Coach Trip to 2024

The next coach trip will take place on **Thursday 22nd February** to the Museum of Science and Industry, The Lowry and the Imperial War Museum(North).

The price for this day out will be **£10.00** per person. If you wish to join us, please place your name on the list at the back of the churches and hand the money in an envelope marked "Manchester Trip" to Fr Brian.

The Museum has an extensive working displays of weaving and general machinery from the cotton industry of the past. Also on display is a model of the first computer. This together with the Lowry complex and the War Museum will make a great day out for us all. Please come and join us. It will be a wonderful experience.

**Come and be astonished at the wonders and achievements right here on our doorstep. All entries are Free.**

## Stay and Play

As from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** we are looking to establish a stay and play group for parents with young children in St Edwards Hall. Parents are invited to bring young children and share friendship and fun from 9.00 am until 10.30 am.

Tea, Coffee, Toast and snacks will be provided at a donation of £1.50. A simple structure, to bring children and parents together for a short stay and play.

Please come along and join in.

## Ash Wednesday - The start of Lent

Please note the times of Masses at our churches.

What are YOU doing for Lent? Exercise, reading, sleep early once a week, cut out - an evening of TV, booze, chocolate, keep a diary, cook one good meal, go to Mass Mid-week.

**Do Something**



**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:** Mary Maughan (LD), Dymphna Cunningham (LD), Alan Metcalfe (LD), Nancy Conway

**Anniversary:** Peter Thomas Walsh, Paul John Davies, Anne Conway, Rose Murphy, Russell Cowell, Sheila Mary Jardine (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on 15<sup>th</sup> February), Peggy Read, Mary Scott, Edward Shaw, Jamie Hackett, Nellie Chadwick.

### Lenten Talk

Fr Brian will be giving a one hour class on prayer. This will take place in St Edwards Hall on **Tuesday 19th of March**. All will be made welcome for this simple exploration of this art.

Please make a note in your diary and join us on this informative event.

### Hospital Call

Fr. Brian is on Hospital call on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Leaking Roof

There is another leak in the roof of St Joseph's Sacristy, plus the lights fused. This is an old building and we need big pockets.

## Come on Nigeria

### Weekday Mass Attendance

A large thank you go to those faithful who attend daily mass at both of our Churches. With Lent coming do **you** think you could commit to attending Mass, or a Eucharistic Service at least once a week during this reflective period.

### Web site

We are making some changes to the appearance of our web site. There may be a slight interruption to the availability of the online newsletter and sermon.

All will eventually be resolved.



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### House Bound Visits

If there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion in their home or you know someone that does, then please get in touch with Fr Brian who will make the necessary arrangements.

### News from St Edward's School

St Edward's RC Primary School has been involved in a catholic school religious inspection and we are pleased to report a small extract from that report

### What the School Does Well

*"The Head Teacher leads the school with energy and determination to ensure that it grows in its mission. The staff team and governors share this collective drive with her superbly supported by the parish priest. The result is a flourishing and happy Catholic School".*

Well done to all involved, this is a superb outcome.

### Lenten Commitment

This year during Lent we shall be returning to soup and fasting after the Tuesday Mass. All funds that we are able to raise during this period will be donated to CAFOD.

During this period of Lent why not write down one blessing a day. One thing that is wonderful. Learn to look, see and record.

It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our beautiful churches 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: D. Witherington  
9 am: B. Hughes 11 am: B. Beardsworth  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough  
9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: J. Ainsworth

### Rotas next Weekend 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: C. Garrity  
9 am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Fitzgerald  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: C. Garrity  
9 am: F. Davis 11 am: B. Beardsworth