



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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*"Jesus tempted by Satan but angels  
looked after Him"*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**18<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		11.30 a.m.	Mass followed by Soup and Bread this follows the tradition of Lenten lunch observance.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday			No Mass Parish Coach Trip
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Remembrance Service Mary Maughan Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>

## Parish Coach Trip to 2024

The 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 list for this trip has now closed.

Pick up time St Edwards Church Outside the Anchor Pub at 9.10am

Pick up time St Joseph's Church at 9.20 am  
Don't be late.

The coach will leave Salford at 5.00 pm

**We will be astonished at the wonders and achievements right here on our doorstep.**

**All entries are Free.**



## Stay and Play

This **Wednesday 21st of February** is the first gathering of our Stay and Play group in St Edwards Hall. Parents, grandparents and even children are invited to share friendship and fun. The Stay and Play starts at 9.00 am and runs until 10.30 am. Tea, coffee, toast and snacks will be provided for a donation of £1.50.

Goodness to others does not need to be complicated and sometimes just a simple structure is all that is needed.

Please come along and join in.

## House Bound Visits

If there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion in their home or you know someone that does, please contact Chris Avino on 07758848559 to make the arrangements. Fr Brian is always happy to accommodate parishioners who attend church.



**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 (LD), Marcella Varey (LD), Bernice Pearson, Patrick Currie (LD)

**Anniversary:** 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, Jim Dawson, Colin Charnock, Des Atkinson, Lilian Gillett.

**Special Intention:** Mass for Special Intention for a sick friend.

## Lenten Talk

Fr Brian will be giving a one hour class on prayer. This will take place in St Edwards Hall on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of March commencing at 7.00pm** 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.

## Leaking Roof

The leak at St Josephs is to do with exposure of the stonework to this awful weather. The roof has been inspected by a roofer and is currently being monitored to ensure the situation does not get any worse.

Not to be outdone there is a leak above Our Lady's Altar in St. Edwards. I blame the Government.

## Holiday Time

Fr. Brian will soon be going on holiday. With traditional catholic guilt feelings, he is taking a rest.

Your support is essential for our community.

## 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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## Lenten Commitment

This Tuesday mass is at 11.30 to facilitate an early fasting lunch of soup and bread. Volunteers produce the soup; all funds go to CAFOD.

You have to make a conscious choice to act upon your faith. Thus, over all a good thing. Join in be a part of something good.

## Ash Wednesday

There was a fantastic attendance at Mass last week. Thank you.

## 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.

## Weekday Mass Attendance

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

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.

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 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

## Rotas next Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

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

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

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