



“This is my Son - the Beloved”

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**25<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	<b>11.15 a.m.</b>	11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Lenten Soup and Bread in the Hall. <b>Requiem Mass Bernice Pearson ( LD)</b>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.		Baptism Service for St Joseph's School in St Joseph's Church
Thursday		9.15 a.m..	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<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>Mass the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>

### Parish Coach Trip to 2024

Last Thursday we managed to get members of the parish out of the Anchor pub where they had been waiting for the coach and we set off via St Josephs on our adventure. First stop the Museum of Science and Industry. But someone had been there before us because one of the looms on exhibition was manufactured by J. & R. Shorrock of Darwen in 1880, and used at Pennington Mill, Leigh. We were shown the equipment of the mills in action, with many of our community being familiar with the whole process. Then on to the Lowry shops gallery and the Imperial War Museum North. Fr Brian did not visit the Cadbury shop but could be found admiring the medal awarded to women of Nazi Germany who had borne eight babies for the Reich. Then it was on to the wonderful paintings of LS LOWRY. It was half term in Manchester, so the traffic was easy and we made good time coming home. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all those who helped to make this a successful day.

### Stay and Play

Thanks go to those who made the first gathering of parents, grandparents, and children so lovely at St Edward's Hall on last Wednesday.

This coming **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** is a repeat of the event and it is planned to hold a session each subsequent Wednesday.

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.

### Holiday Time

Fr. Brian will soon be going on holiday, on his travels again but he is confident that there will be faithful attendance at the mid-week services.



**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:** Marcella Varey (LD), Bernice Pearson (LD), Patrick Currie (LD), Bob Cowell (LD)

**Anniversary:** Jim Dawson, Colin Charnock, Des Atkinson, Lilian Gillett, Elizabeth Ardis, Kathleen Roberts, Sarah Ann Harrison, Bill Clarkson.

**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 19th of March commencing at 7.00pm** All will be made welcome for this simple exploration of this art of prayer.

## Lenten Commitment

This Tuesday's Eucharistic Service 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 and be a part of something good.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.**



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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 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

## Rotas next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

9 am: M. Alvarez 11am: A. Frangleton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

9 am: M.R. Gordon 11 am: C. Avino