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"He cast out devils and cured many"

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 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	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and a discussion of great sadness as we consider why Shell have posted profits of only £22.3 billion.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Coach Trip to 2024

Last Sunday Fr Brian made a quick visit to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester and was very pleased with the result. They have 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.

The coach trip will take place on **Thursday 22nd February**. 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 next trip after that will be a visit to a stately home, when the weather will be improved, giving us the opportunity to wander around the grounds. Look out for further details in the newsletter or church poster.

Stay and Play

As from **Wednesday 21st 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.

Lent

The start of Lent begins on the 14th February - Ash Wednesday.

This year during the period of 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 to help with their important work.



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: Nancy Conway, Rita Ward, Mary Maughan.

Anniversary: Maria Bolan, Winifred Boland, Lorraine Bowdich, Peter Thomas Walsh, Paul John Davies, Anne Conway, Rose Murphy.

Special Intention: Mass for Special Intention.

Sacramental Programme

Last Sunday was the commitment. This Wednesday and Thursday in the evening the children will be coming to church to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) for the first time. Pray for them and their families.

House Bound Visits

Housebound visits took place last Friday afternoon. 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.

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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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.

MOSI and The Lowry

The Museum of Science and Industry Manchester is devoted to inspiring visitors through ideas that changed the world, from the Industrial Revolution Textile Gallery to the science of today and beyond. The museum is based at the site of the oldest surviving passenger railway station.

The Lowry

The Lowry, situated in Salford is a world class arts centre offering a diverse programme of theatre, opera, musicals, dance, music, and visual art. The centre also displays a large collection of L.S. Lowry's iconic work. This artist is best known for his popular mill scenes, but his work also covers a wide range of themes and subjects.

The Imperial War Museum North

This is a unique purpose-built exhibition space giving a powerful voice to extraordinary stories of ordinary people, forced to live their lives in a world torn apart by conflict. Explore the timeline from the First World War to the present day, immerse yourself in the Big Picture Show, discover the forgotten histories of service personnel and civilians and see conflict through the eyes of artists.

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 3rd and 4th February 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

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

Rotas next Weekend 10th and 11th 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