



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent		10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
St Joseph's		St Edward's	
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Lenten Soup and Bread in the Hall.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS

### The Salesian Order

The Salesian Order's full title is the British Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), an order of Catholic priests and brothers. They were founded in Italy in the nineteenth century by Saint John Bosco, (known by the courtesy title of 'Don' Bosco), to serve the young, especially those who are poor or marginalised. There is also the Salesian Sisters (FMA), a similar religious order for women which was jointly founded by Don Bosco and St Mary Mazzarello.

Fr Michael Winstanley from the Salesian Order will be covering for Fr Brian while he is off enjoying himself in the sunshine. Please give Fr Michael a warm Darren welcome.



### Stay and Play

Thanks go to those who have made the Wednesdays gathering of parents, grandparents, and children such a success.

The next Stay and Play day is on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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.

Please come along and join in on the fun

### Lenten Talk

On his return from holiday Fr Brian is 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 of prayer.



**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:** Jeremy Fish (LD), Anthony Robert Rodham (LD), Ada Thompson (LD), Jill Montague (LD), Declan Troy (LD)

**Anniversary:** John Howard, Barbara Taylor, Geoffery Riley, John Morrin, Winniefred Oldfield, Brian Christopher Walsh, Lilian Gillett, Tom McIver.

**Special Intention: For Mothers Day** Winnie Howard, Esther McIntyre, Anne McIver, Elizabeth Burke.

## The Scouts

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential.

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. They go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. But, they also get to hang out with their friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges. Everyone's welcome. All genders, races and backgrounds. Regardless of a young person's physical ability – there's a Scout adventure out there waiting for them.

### St Edwards

St Edwards Scout Group Friday 6.30 until 8.00pm, in parish hall.

New members are always welcome.

Please consider volunteering as a leader.

## 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.

## A Thought for Lent

Homelessness can never be a life choice. Rather it is devastating, dangerous and isolating. No one would choose to live in a tent erected in a shop front in the dead of winter.

The average of death for people experiencing homelessness is 45 for men and 43 for women. People sleeping on the street are 17 times more likely to be a victim of violence. The reasons for homelessness are many but some of them reflect the problems of society: poverty, domestic violence, family breakdown, lack of affordable housing and unemployment.

## 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.

## Mill Hill Missionaries

Just to make you aware that now is the time for the collection of your Red Boxes. This will happen over the next few weeks.

The magazine will also be distributed during this period.



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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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: C. Garrity

9 am: B. Hughes 11 am: J. Walsh

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

9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: T. Kennedy

## Rotas next Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

9 am: S. McMillan 11am: C. Avino

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: C. Garrity

9 am: F. Davis 11 am: B. Suddick