

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“The hour has come for Son of Man to be glorified.”

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*St Joseph's*

*St Edward's*

<b>This Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Vigil Mass</b>
<b>This 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 Lenten Soup and Bread in the Hall.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Requiem Mass Mary Frances Young (LD)</b>
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
<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 Palm Sunday</b>

### A Big Thank You

The people of Sacred Heart Parish Darwen would like to thank Fr Michael Winstanley from the Salesian Order for giving his time and for covering for Fr Brian while he was off enjoying himself in the sunshine.

### 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 19th of March commencing at 7.00pm.**

All will be made welcome for this simple exploration of this art of prayer.

### 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 20<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 Commitment

This Tuesday's Mass 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.



**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:** Anthony Robert Rodham (LD), Ada Thompson (LD), Jill Montague (LD), Declan Troy (LD)  
Mary Frances Young (LD)

**Anniversary:** Geoffery Riley, John Morrin, Winniefred Oldfield, Brian Christopher Walsh, Lilian Gillett,  
Tom McIver, Bill Read.

**Special Intention:**

## 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.

## A Thought for Lent

About 10% of the worlds population regularly go to bed hungry. Wars and conflict restrict global food supplies, driving up prices, creating food insecurity and hunger. Hunger is the ache caused by want of food. Starvation is the experience of hunger over many days and weeks when the body begins to shut down.

The existence of famine and starvation alongside abundance and waste is a scandal that needs to be addressed. To feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked are basic Christian obligations.

We dare to ask the Father for our daily bread; so too we dare to ask the Father for their daily bread.



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## The Scouts

We need more leaders - Are you up to the challenge of becoming a volunteer?

Volunteering can be a brilliant way to boost mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you are helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn a lot about yourself along the way.

## St Edwards

St Edwards Scout Group Friday 6.30 until 8.00pm, in parish hall.  
New members are always welcome.

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

## St Patrick

St Patricks Day is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March but who was he? Did you know the following about his life.

St Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century and died in Ireland around the middle of the fifth century. As a missionary bishop he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelise and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.

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 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

### Rotas next Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: J. Ainsworth

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

9 am: M. Alvarez 11 am: P. Corran