

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



Jesus enters Jerusalem.

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Palm Sunday			24th March 2024
	<i>St Joseph's</i>	<i>St Edward's</i>	

This Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass
			Vigil Mass
This Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m. 1.30p.m.		Mass Mass at St Joseph's School
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by Lenten Soup and Bread in the Hall. Fr. Brian will be all day at St Bedes
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Maundy Thursday	7.00 p.m.		Mass followed by Adoration until midnight
Good Friday	12.00 Noon		Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion
		3.00 p.m.	
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		No Mass at St Edward's Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Easter Sunday

Holy Week Walk of Witness

The Palm Sunday and Holy Week walk of witness will be held this **Sunday the 24th of March**. We shall be having our traditional walk up to Darwen Tower carrying the cross. Please assemble giving yourself enough time to allow the walk to set off from the Green at 2.00pm. It is a great Darwen tradition involving all the churches of Darwen and organised by our fantastic scouting community. Please come along and join in this Walk of Witness to our faith.

Pascal Candles

A big thank you goes to the students of St Bede's who once more have illustrated our Pascal Candles for Easter and the rest of the year.

Lenten Talk on Prayer

Thank you to all who turned up last Tuesday to Fr Brian's Talk on Prayer and listened to this study of the techniques of prayer.

Lenten Commitment

This Tuesday's Mass Service at St Edwards's is at 11.am to facilitate an early fasting lunch of soup and bread. Volunteers produce the soup; with all funds going to CAFOD.

Thanks go to all those who have cooked and contributed to the Tuesday soup and bread commitment at St Edwards. It is a fantastic Lenten observance and a great social and financial event for CAFOD.

Fr Brian would like to apologise for missing many of the masses. Sadly, he went on holiday for some of the time and was called away to other obligations for one or two of the others.

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: Mary Frances Young (LD), Mrs Jean Mellor (LD), Helen Cowel (LD) Dymphna Cunningham (LD), Michael Boulton (LD),

Anniversary: Tom McIver, Bill Read, Eileen Corran (birthday memories), Mary and Charlie Ryder (wedding anniversary), Louis Sudall and the Sudall family, Tiana Thompson.

Church Ministers Meeting

This week Fr Brian attended a meeting of Church ministers of Darwen. It was obviously of value to be seen to be working together and a couple of main ideas emerged.

Could we as the Churches of Darwen call the four main candidates for the next general election in the constituency of Darwen to give a twenty-minute presentation to a gathering of the Christian community? We would need volunteers to help organise and structure this gathering. So, what do you think and could you help?

It seems a bit late for this year BUT for 2025 could we gather a group of Street Pastors for the Darwen Live music festival. This would be just a group of people prepared to walk the festival giving a helping hand to anyone in need.

Again, we are seeking volunteers both to walk and to help organise this gesture.

The Catholic Church in Gaza

We were recently moved by a photograph, which appeared in a recent edition of the Catholic Post newspaper, of a group of children receiving their first Holy Communion in Gaza. The Parish of the Holy Family in Gaza city, although damaged by shrapnel, is still in use and continues to celebrate daily mass. In addition to this, the parish is currently providing shelter to more than 600 people affected by the war.

We have emailed our contacts of the parish, expressing a wish to make a donation of the collection from our own children's First Holy Communion later this year. We shall also give all donations made over the Easter Weekend.

We will keep you updated on developments and whether our search has been successful. Making contact is obviously not easy. Should we fail to make a direct contact we will send the donation via CAFOD.

Next Coach trip

Suggestions are still required for when are we going and where are we going?
Please contact Fr. Brian with your ideas.

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 27th 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.

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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St Edwards House and Hall

At present a refugee family are using the kitchen and washing facilities at St Edwards Hall and House. They have been given hotel accommodation and do not have access to cooking or washing facilities. Thus, at this time the family have moved in.

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Rotas this Weekend 23rd and 24th 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

Rotas next Weekend 30th and 31st March 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: C. Garity

9 am: B. Hughes 11am: C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: To be announced.
9 am: TBA 11 am: TBA