

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.”

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Easter Sunday	31st March 2024
St Joseph’s	St Edward’s

Good Friday	12.00 Noon	3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		No Mass at St Edwards Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed Tea and Coffee and Cake followed by a gorging of chocolate Easter eggs.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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 Sunday

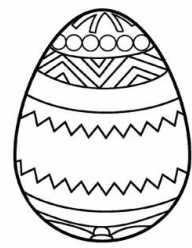
Holy Week Walk of Witness
Palm Sunday Walk and the Darwen Tower Cross. Many thanks to all the church’s people and especially scouts who walked up to Darwen Tower with our Cross. All organised by the scouting community and very well done. They even arranged for good weather on the day.

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.

St Bede’s School
Fr Brian spent the day conducting services for Easter in St Bede’s RC High School on Tuesday last. There was great respect shown by the pupils and a real sense of prayer. The St Bede’s community is a credit to the staff who work there, as is witnessed by the numbers applying for places within its gates.

Ceramic Easter Eggs
Hidden around both of our Churches are a number of ceramic Easter eggs donated by Darwen Rotary Club. It is all part of an Easter Egg hunt.

Should your small plaque bear the symbol of a golden egg then you can redeem the plaque at the Erin Gift shop 16 Bridge St Darwen, in exchange for an easter egg.



Easter celebrations
Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter celebrations this year.

Let us all pray for peace.



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), Anna Seddon (LD), Julie Whitter (LD).

Anniversary: Eileen Corran (birthday memories), Mary and Charlie Ryder (wedding anniversary), Louis Sudall and the Sudall Family, Tiana Thompson, Vera Henry, Daniel O'Sullivan, Andrea Lawless, Ken and Dorothy Witherington, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Harry Foster, Margaret Smith, Jimmy Mullaney.

Special Easter Intentions: The McIntyre Family, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane, Trent Duffy, Special Mass Intention.

The Trees by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.



Eucharistic Ministers

Both of our churches require additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to help please speak to Fr Brian.

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.

Collections from the Easter Weekend

We shall attempt to send all money from the collections at the Easter masses to the Parish in Gaza. If this proves impossible, we will send it to CAFOD with the specific request that this is spent in Palestine.

Next Coach Trip

Suggestions are still required for when are we going and where are we going?

Please contact Fr. Brian with your ideas.

Mass Intentions

If you require a special Mass Intention for the remembrance of a loved one or anniversary of a special occasion, please place your offering in an envelope and write the name of the person and the date for the intention and hand the envelope to Fr Brian, or place in the collection basket at either church or through the letter box of the priest residence at St. Joseph's.

Stay and Play - Holiday Time

We will be closed over the Easter holiday period. Stay and Play will re-open on **Wednesday 17th April 2024.**

The Stay and Play starts at 9.00 a.m and runs until 10.30 a.m. 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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Rotas this 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: M. Alvarez 11 am: To be announced

Rotas next Weekend 6th and 7th April 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: C. Garity

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

9 am: F. Davis 11 am: J. Ainsworth