

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



"I am the Good Shepherd".

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st April 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.	Mass followed by Tea and Coffee and an attempt at planning a road route through Darwen avoiding traffic lights, potholes, and delays.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service as Fr Brian celebrates 65 years of sharing memories with the Elephants.
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
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The Coach Trip

We shall be off on our travels on **Wednesday 5th of June**, leaving St Josephs at 9.00 am, and picking up directly from the Anchor pub and then off to Skipton for the market, castle and cafés. After buying a £12.00 jar of Banana and Garlic Chutney we will reassemble at 1.00pm for the onward journey to the World Heritage Site of Saltaire, with its historic buildings, a Hockney collection, canal and yet more cafes and shops. We will leave for home at 5pm. Yorkshire has no idea what is on its way.

The cost is £15. If you wish to join us on the occasion, place the names of each member of your party on an envelope, and a telephone number in case of Murphy's Law. Don't forget to include the full payment. The envelope should be handed to Fr. Brian or placed directly into the collection box.

Our next trip will be to a Stately Home, but which one

Future Dates for your Diary

First Communion St Edward's Church
Sunday 9th June 1.00pm

First Communion St Joseph's Church
Sunday 23rd June 1.00pm

Confirmation at St Joseph's Church
**Wednesday 26th June at 6.30pm
then 7.30pm**

Cancer Research UK

To help raise funds for Cancer Research UK there will be a Table Top Sale on **Saturday 18th May** at Derwent Hall, George St. Darwen. The sale will be open from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls, crafts and bric a brac, Homemade refreshments. All with free admission.



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 Clancy (LD), Bridie Harrington (LD).

Anniversary: John Derrick Leaf, Percy Scott, George Wright.

Special Intentions:

Visiting Priest

We have had another request from the Diocese to host a visit from a priest from India who is studying in Rome. Last time the Home Office got in the way. However, hopefully should he get a visa in time, he will be here to join us in July.

Fr Brian will again be asking for support in feeding this young man and giving him an insight into British culture.

I am confident you will all give him a warm Darwen welcome.

Work at St Edward's Church

So, again there is scaffolding around the back of St Edward's Church. As always Fr Brian blames the government but in truth, the weather has created a leak in the roof over Our Lady's Altar, so work is required to fix this.

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.

Blackburn Rovers

This Sunday afternoon will hopefully bring us good news of certainty!



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Stay and Play

The next Stay and Play will be on this coming **Wednesday the 24th April 2024.**

The Stay and Play starts at 9.00 a.m 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.

The Catholic Church 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.

Things are not looking good for getting any money to the parish. The obvious was pointed out after mass last Sunday. There are no banks open to the people. So even putting money into the account of the parish will not actually help.

We have now sent off the Easter collections to CAFOD with the instructions that it is to be used in GAZA. We also included the monies raised from the Lenten Lunch events during this period. This will be used for general needs. Thank you for supporting this needy cause.

Eucharistic Ministers

Your help is **urgently** needed as both of our churches require additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you are able to come forward, please speak to Fr Brian about the role.

Duties are modest, flexible and help and advice will be given.

The team is a friendly bunch!

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 20th and 21st April 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: D, Witherington

9 am: S. McMillan 11 am: B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: R. Knowles

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

Rotas next Weekend 27th and 28th April 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

9 am: M.R. Gordon 11 am: T. Kennedy