



"I am the Vine, you are the Branches".

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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| Fifth Sunday of Easter | | 28th April 2024 | |
| St Joseph's | | St Edward's | |

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| 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 a competition to establish who can impersonate the sound of the lesser spotted Ewood seagull. |
| Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Thursday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass |
| Friday | 9.15 a.m. | | Eucharistic Service |
| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | 9.15 a.m. | Mass Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Sunday Masses Sixth Sunday of Easter |

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, and we have been looking into several options. We will keep everyone informed as we progress with our search for the perfect venue.

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 Coming Soon.

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: Bridie Harrington (LD), Caroline McGloughlan (LD).

Anniversary: John Derrick Leaf, Percy Scott, George Wright, Trent Duffy. Esther Holden.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving to St Joseph.

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.

Happy Birthday

Fr Brian would like to thank all those who sent him 65-year birthday greetings. He had a great day at the Zoo, and when he grows up he is going to live there.

Blackburn Rovers

By now the Rovers are either safe from relegation or are desperately in need of your prayers. Strange as this may seem this is important. What else can northern men and women talk about? The trials and tribulations of our local football team is just one of the threads that binds our community together.

We all need to be distracted from the news broadcaster's prattle?

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.

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.

Mill Hill Missions

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the APF Mill Hill Missions, The Red Boxes. In the year 2023, we raised the sum of £2,271.45p which was an increase over the previous year. In the present economic climate and the demand for money from all directions this is a tremendous achievement. A whopping big thank you too you all.

Maggie and Sarah.



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.

Please consider this role, 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 27th and 28th April 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

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

Rotas next Weekend 4th and 5th May 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: C. Garrity

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

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

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