



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter**  
*St Joseph's St Edward's*

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

<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>Sunday Masses</b>
Monday	<b>10.45 a.m.</b>		<b>Requiem Mass Anna Seddon (LD)</b>
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed Tea and Coffee and a discussion on how to deal with a 20p fine for our insider dealing with toasted bread and scones.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<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>Sunday Masses Third Sunday of Easter</b>

### Pray for Peace

Palestine, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan

We pray for peace in our world: that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people who are working to build peace in their communities: that they may inspire others by their example and be strengthened to carry on, even in the hardest times. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for all people who have been affected by violence as they rebuild their lives: that they may find it in their hearts to move forwards in peace and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our local community: that we may be bearers of peace. Lord, in your mercy...

### Easter Celebrations

One major highpoint of the Easter celebrations was at 11.00 am Mass at St Edwards when after the elevation of the blessed sacrament one small child sang "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way". So wonderful to have so many children in church.

Thanks go to all who contributed to our community celebration during this Easter period. A special thankyou for the contributions to the Easter collection which amounted to £1139.12 plus £152. On your behalf we will attempt to send this total to the Catholic Church in Palestine. God bless.

### 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:** Anna Seddon (LD), Julie Whitter (LD), Mary Clancy (LD),

**Anniversary:** Tiana Thompson, Vera Henry, Daniel O'Sullivan, Andrea Lawless, Ken and Dorothy Witherington, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Harry Foster, Margaret Smith, Jimmy Mullaney, Patricia Brindle, Sarah Walsh, Joe Holden, Sheila Brookes, Francesco Moretti, William & Theresa McHugh & Family.

**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.

**Special Intentions:** In thanksgiving, St. Joseph's Help.

## Beyond the Headlines

Then I saw the wild geese flying

In fair formation to their bases in Inchicore

And I knew that these wings would outwear the wings of war.

And a man's simple thoughts outlive the day's loud lying.

Don't fear, don't fear, I said to my soul.

The Bedlam of Time is an empty bucket rattled,  
'Tis you who will say in the end who best battled.

Only they who fly home to God have flown at all.

*Patrick Kavanagh, Collected Poems*

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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.

**A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart**

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## Rotas this Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## Rotas next Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

9 am: B. Hughes 11am: M. Bauer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: C. Garrity  
9 am: F. Davis 11 am: B. Beardsworth