



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>		<b>19<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	
<i>St Joseph's</i>		<i>St Edward's</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>		<b>Sunday Masses</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		10.00 a.m.	<b>Requiem Mass Stephen Kitchin (LD)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 a.m.		Mass followed by Tea and Coffee cake and a tasty alternative to communion on social media.
<b>Thursday</b>		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
<b>Friday</b>	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>	6.15 p.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
			<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>

### The Coach Trip

There are now only a few places left on the coach. So, if you wish to go, at this point you need to speak directly to Fr Brian to secure the last seats.

**The cost is £15.**

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.

### A Call for your Help

Your help is **urgently** needed at St Joseph's Church as we require additional Eucharistic Ministers. This may sound a daunting task, but the duties are modest, flexible and help and advice will be given. At present there are only four volunteers for each service and this presents problems at holiday times. If you can come forward, please speak to Fr Brian, Maggie or Glenda about the role. Three people have come forward, but we need more. Thank you

### The Rosary to our Lady

The Knights of St Columba will be saying the Rosary starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. This will be before the 10 a.m. Mass at St Edwards during the month of May for our Lady.

All welcome, you can stay for a cup of tea with cake following Mass.



**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:** Catherine Muir (nee Hallam) (LD), Brian O'Reilly (LD). James Conway (LD), David Dyer (LD). John Cosgrove (LD), Stephen Kitchin (LD), Maureen White (LD).

**Anniversary:** James Venguadasalon, Rosaline Smith, Jean Bolan, Margaret Smith, James Hackett,

**Special Intentions:** For a Sick Friend.

## Foot Pump Required

Does anyone have a foot pump for car tyres hidden in their garage?

Fr Brian needs one to power a rocket!

## Stay and Play

The next Stay and Play will be on this coming **Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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 the fun.

## Fing a Grave

The Friends of Darwen Cemetery are holding a Find a Grave Day on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024** between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm.

Meet at the Cross of Sacrifice in Darwen Cemetery. If you are looking to locate a family grave in the Old Cemetery, bring along your details and the FODC will do their best to help. Further detail available at the back of church.

## SVP Wheelchair Loan

The SVP has a car friendly wheelchair available for loan if anyone requires its use. It is in good clean working order, please contact Maggie or Chris from the SVP if you would like further details.

## Cricket Match Darwen v Lowerhouse

Fr Brian must acknowledge that the Darwen Cricket first team were much better on the day. Mind you they may have been inspired by the sound of Danny Boy played on the Church bell system during the game.



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## Election Time

Can you volunteer to help host a political hustings for the four main party's in the next General Election? The event would be held upon Church property with the same questions put to each of the candidates that come along.

## Wedding Bells

Next week Fr Brian is going down to London to attend a wedding gathering for a nephew of his. Thankfully it is in this country and has reminded him of the pressure couples are under to pay for this event in their lives.

It still remains the case that should a couple marry for under £1000, we will marry them for free. Marry for under £500 and we will give them a free pot plant.

## 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.

## Sacramental Programme

Thanks to all who came to this week's meetings.

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**

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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

9 am: J. Walsh 11 am: M. O'Boyle

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: R. Knowles

9 am: M. Alvarez 11 am: C. Avino

## Rotas next Weekend 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Readers:** 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

9 am: L. Loxham 11am: J. Walsh

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

9 am: M. R. Gordon 11 am: P. Corran