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Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 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 Bank Holiday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea and Coffee cake and hangover tonics to help recover from the long weekend.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass.
Thursday ASCENSION DAY	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Mass with children from St Joseph's school. Mass with children from St Edwards school. 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.	Seventh 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.

Sudan Crisis

CAFOD has made an appeal to help with the Sudan crisis. This is a forgotten part of the world decimated by civil war. Interference from nations selling guns and looking for political influence in the area means that the poor go hungry.

So much is happening all over the world that we shall make a donation from parish funds without a direct appeal this time.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The 90th Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is to take place between the 26th and 1st of August. Flights will leave from Liverpool airport, with varying prices for accommodation.

Leaflets with all the details and costs are available from the back of Church.



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: Trent Duffy. Esther Holden, Herbert Sandbach, Harry Mears, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Harry Grime.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving to St Joseph, For St. Joseph's Help, Mar Mari and Children of the World.

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**

A Frozen Moment

Official congratulations to the whole of St Bede's School for their performance's of the musical FROZEN. So many young people involved. So much joy expressed. Such high quality of performance.

Fantastic.

Well Done to all those involved.

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.



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Stay and Play

The next Stay and Play will be on this coming **Wednesday the 8th 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.

Ascension Thursday

Please note school mass times.

As Thursday is The Feast of the Ascension commemorating the bodily ascension of Jesus into Heaven, and is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr Brian will be conducting an extra service at St Edwards Church at 7.00 p.m.

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.

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 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

Rotas next Weekend 11th and 12th May 2024

Readers: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

9 am: B. Hughes 11am: A. Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15 pm: C. Garrity

9 am: F. Davis 11 am: B. Beardsworth