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"You are the Holy One of God"

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August 2024

St Joseph's St Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	.	Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and a discussion concerning the intense heat of a Lancashire August.
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.	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Back to school

Schools open for the start of the new term on **Tuesday 3rd of September**. This will be much to the relief of many grandparents. No doubt the weather will improve from that date.

Fr Brian's Walk

Fr Brian's Bilbo Baggins walk will be setting off after baptisms on **Sunday 8th September** to Burnley then onto Appleby. It is planned to arrive at the destination on Tuesday 17th September.



A Request

Does anyone have a television set that they no longer require and which they can donate? The set would be used to run a PS3 game. Help with this would be much appreciated. Please contact Fr Brian.

The Shroud of Turin not a Forgery

Italian researchers have used a new X-ray technique to demonstrate that the Shroud of Turin dates from the time of Jesus Christ. Scientists studied tiny samples of fabric from the shroud, a burial garment which bears the imprint of a man killed by crucifixion, using a method called wide-angle X-ray scattering. They were able to age flax cellulose which slowly deteriorates— to show that the shroud is 2,000 years old, They deduced that the shroud was kept in perfect conditions of temperature and relative humidity for 13 centuries before it was brought to Chambery, France, in the 1350s; thereby taking the shroud's chronology all the way back to the time of Christ.

If it had been kept in less favourable conditions, the aging of the flax cellulose and resultant dating would have been different. Dr Liberato De Caro, one of the scientists involved in the study, dismissed a 1988 test which concluded that the shroud was probably a Medieval forgery and only seven centuries old as inaccurate.



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: Patrick Joseph Cooney (LD), Julian Rishton (LD).

Anniversary: Russell Cowell, Anne Halsall, Robert Oldfield, John Joseph Walsh, Margaret Leatham, Vera Henry, Bill Jennings, Herbert Sandbach RIP, Robert Makin RIP.

Special Intentions: For all those injured or killed in the Southport attack, especially for those little girls.

Accessibility in the Church

Are you active in your parish as a member of SVP, a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader at Church? Do you help in the community and want to know what you can do to help support individuals who may be struggling with accessibility which can be visible or invisible?

This may prevent a blind person, a deaf person, someone with mobility issues, a learning disability or someone with neurodiversity from experiencing the full joy of our church.

There will be a talk on Accessibility at St Edwards Church Hall Darwen BB3 0AA on **Tuesday 17th September – 7pm until 9pm by Dr Minna Moffat-Feldman.** Please come along to find out more.
Refreshments will be available on the night.

Fr Brian and Cricket

There were two competitions this week at Old Trafford.

1. Who could win the sporting match?
2. Who could drink the most cold-lager from paper cartons resulting in people destined to join the beer snake yet again.

The Darwen Cricket Team are again in a good position to win the very competitive Lancashire league but have lost their professional. (Where did he go?) At the moment the battle in the league is between the Darwen and Burnley Cricket clubs. **COME ON DARWEN!**

Zoo Trip

The trip to the Zoo took place last Tuesday. A most enjoyable day was had by all, with a 10 year old birthday girl celebrating on the coach. The weather was thankfully not perfect but dry, which meant that Chester Zoo was not full or overcrowded. On the way home nobody was left behind and the journey along the M6 behaved itself with no major holdups.

Chester Zoo is a beautiful place which is impossible to see in just one day. A place like this needs support as it is expensive to feed and maintain all of God's animals in a way in which they deserve. So, thanks be.

Welcome Bonny Bird by Samuel Laycock *Continued*

God bless thi, love! aw'm fain tha'rt come,
Just try and mak' thisel' awhoam;
Here's thi nest;
Tha'rt loike thi mother to a tee,
But tha's thi feyther's mose aw see.
Well, aw'm blest!

Come, come, tha needn't look so shy
Aw am no' blamin' thee, not I;
Settle deawn,
An' tak this haupney for thisel',
Ther's lots of sugar-sticks to sell
Deawn i'th' teawn.

Aw know when first aw coom to th' leet,
Aw're fond o'owt at'tasted sweet
Tha'll be th' same.
But come, tha's never tow'd thi dad
What he's to co' thi yet me lad,
What's thi name?



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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.

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Rotas this Weekend 24th and 25th August 2024

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham 11 am: A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm J. Sweeney

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: C. Avino

Rotas next Weekend 31st August and 1st Sept

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: C. Garrity

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft 11 am: P. Corran