

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“Your redemption is drawing near ”

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First Sunday of Advent		1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	
St Joseph		St Edward's	
<b>Saturday</b>	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
Monday			No Service - St Bede's Students visit St Josephs
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee cake and a report of what Father Christmas promised those who went to see him on last Sunday
Wednesday			No Service - St Bede's Students visit St Joseph's
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	<b>Mass Second Sunday of Advent</b>

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 12.30 PM**  
**AT ST EDWARDS CHURCH HALL DARWEN**

### Upcoming Ecumenical Events

We shall be having a joint Carol Service with other church communities across Darwen on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** in the Town Centre between 11.00 am and 12.00pm. Please come along and add to the Christian celebration of Christmas.

### Church Hall Security

Following the tragic event in Southport this summer we have now installed access doorbells to our Church Halls. All groups using the halls must now ensure the doors are kept closed and always locked. St Edward's doorbell is located on the vestibule doorframe and St Joseph's is located on the top lefthand side of the external door.

We trust all Group Leaders will commit to this procedure for their own safety and the safety of all their members

### Reverse Advent Calendar

The Knights of St Columba are asking us to fill a box this Advent with basic needs of in-date food either tinned, bottled or packet. Toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc. Laundry Items like washing powder/detergent. When full, take these along to church for handover to the Foodbank on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Safeguarding

Many thanks go to the volunteers who take on the job of administering the processes of safeguard checking. If you are experiencing any difficulties in completing the form please ask for advice by contacting Maggie, Glenda or Julie Ainsworth.

### Red Box Collection

Now is that time of year when your Red Collection Box needs to be emptied. Please bring them into Church and receive a New Year Calendar.

Thank you for your contributions.



**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:** Michael Smith (LD), Bernard Porter (LD).

**Anniversary:** Ellen Shuttleworth, Declan Troy, John Morrin, Eileen Roberts, Joan Wright, Gary Francis, Mary Ryder, Esther McIntyre, Charles McIntyre, John Howard, Peter Summerfield,

## Special Intentions:

### Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on **Sunday 1st December** after Mass 12.30 until 3.00 pm at St Edward's Church Hall.

Father Christmas has already been booked, but we still need help. We require items for the Tombola Stall, Chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola Stall, bottles both large and small, good as new items, jigsaws and toys. We also need cakes for the Cake Stall. Also, a big appeal for any items that would prove enjoyable. Any unsold items will be passed on to a charity shop. There will be the Repository Stall to pick up those last-minute Christmas cards, candles, glass angels and holy cribs.

Don't forget there will be refreshments available and good fun.

The Hall will be open on Saturday from 2.30 pm

### St Bede's High School Visit

As an aid to their studies the final year students at St Bede's will be visiting St Joseph's this week. It will provide the opportunity to demonstrate how beautiful our churches. Something to be proud of! The students will also be visiting a synagogue in Manchester. This will be an exciting day out to understand other places of worship.

### Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a full member of the Roman Catholic faith, or just want to explore the teaching of the Church?

There will be classes on the next 3 Tuesdays leading up to Christmas Day.

That is **3<sup>rd</sup> December, & 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.**

All are welcome to attend.

### Offertory Envelopes 2025.

The 2025 Offertory Envelopes have nearly all been distributed, only 4 remain to be collected. Please pick up your envelope from the rear of church.

### Play Group

The Play Group at St Edwards will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** between 9.30 am and 11.00 am. For a donation of £2.00 this is a great opportunity for parents and young children to get together to have fun and a good chat.

All are welcome to this enjoyable event.

### In praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There are those  
who would elevate your role  
and place you safely above the daily  
experience  
Yet still your humility calls me  
to see within normality  
the seeds of divinity  
To realise the incredible  
to accept the pain  
to push  
and give birth

### New Chaplains

Thanks go to our existing Chaplains from both schools who, guided by people from St Bede's helped prepare our new Chaplains for this exciting role for next year.

It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our beautiful churches that are used by so many.

**Thank you for your support.**

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### Rotas next Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024

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

**Sun 9 am:** M. Davies 11 am: P. Simms

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat:** 6.15 pm D. Witherington

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

### Rotas this Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

**Sun 9 am:** J. Walsh 11am: A. Frangleton

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat:** 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

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