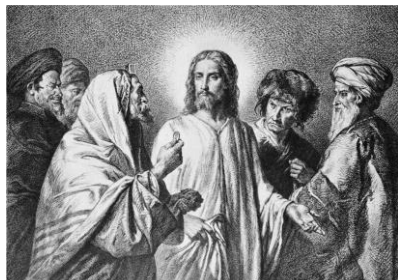


The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November 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.	Mass Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee cake, and a late rally for the American election with music, balloons, tic a tape, and promises which can only be made in a nation that invented Micky Mouse.
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.	Mass Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Remembrance

The SVP are holding a Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm** in St Edwards Church. This Mass is a special Liturgy held annually in November to remember all those who have died during the previous 12 months.

All the families of the deceased members are invited to share in this Mass and remember their loved ones.

November Holy Souls

You will find some envelopes, pens and small squares of paper at the back of church. If you wish you can use the paper to name those you love who have died. Put this in the envelope and then place in the basket before the altar. You can prepare an envelope at home if you wish.

Please **do not** put any money in with the petitions. All will be destroyed at the end of the month and it would break Fr Brian's heart to destroy any pictures of the King or Queen.

Ecumenical Events

Following on from the Christian Church ministers of Darwen meeting the following are proposed events.

An hour of silent prayer at St James Church Winterton Road on **Monday 11th November** at 7.00 p.m.

The planned SONGS OF PRAISE for all people of faith in the United Reform Church on Duckworth Street Wednesday **13th November** has had to be cancelled for this year due to a clash of dates.

A Joint Churches Christmas Carol Service in the Town Centre on **Saturday 14th December** at 11.00 a.m.

Please support these joint church events.

Offertory Envelopes 2025.

The 2025 Offertory Envelopes will be issued soon. If your circumstances have changed, or if you want to participate, please contact Alec. Tel. 01254 772365 or Mobile 07565 108 780 to discuss the options and to make the necessary arrangements.



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: Mary Beckett (LD), Shaun Leake (LD), Nina Cappatelli (LD).

Anniversary: Derek Walsh, Gerry Lucas, Alice Sandbach, Mary Howard, Michael Smith, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Trent Duffy.

Special Intentions: For a sick person, Eileen and Brenda, Margaret Nolan, In Thanksgiving for my wife return home. Margaret Cowell, Pasquale and Delia.

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 6 Tuesdays leading up to Christmas day.

That is **November 12th, 19th, 26th,**

December 3rd, 10th, 17th,

The start time will be **7.00 pm**. All are welcome.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on **Sunday 1st December** after Mass at St Edwards Church Hall.

Items are required to sell.

Do your children, grandchildren have toys they never use or play with? If so, please consider donating any toys to sell at the Christmas fayre. Any unsold items will be passed on to a charity shop.

We also need cake, bottles, bric a brac, the more the better. Father Christmas has already been booked so come along and enjoy the event.

We shall be giving money from the Christmas collections and half of the money raised from the Christmas Fayre to the local branch of the National Autistic Society. The branch is able to give advice and guidance about autism and the challenges autistic people and their families face.

Note change of date There will be a meeting to discuss the Fayre on **Wednesday 13th November** at St Joseph's Hall at 7.00pm.

Any gifts for the Fayre can be handed in at this point.

Play Group

The Play Group at St Edwards will be on **Wednesday 6th November** between 9.30 am and 11.00 am. This is the opportunity for parents and young children to get together to have fun and a good chat. For a donation of £2.00 all are welcome to this enjoyable event.

Safeguarding

We are obliged to take this aspect of modern society very seriously. So, we are beginning the process of updating all those registered as volunteers, and those with CRD/CRB/DBS certificates.

We are in the middle of ensuring our lists are up to date and people have all correct certification in line with the Diocese requirements. This is something we have no choice in, so Fr Brian appeals for our understating and patience as we update our records.

Grief

I do my grieving at night
in the silence of sleep
when my mind cannot take flight
from the dead who enter my dreams.

I reach to touch
Their insubstantial form
Even here
Still beyond my will.

And I awake
With the tender kiss of cold tears
In my eyes
And upon my cheek.



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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 2nd and 3rd November 2024

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes 11 am: A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm P. Wardle

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

Rotas next Weekend 9th & 10th November 2024

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan 11am: M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: F. Davis 11 am: T. Kennedy