

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“ A greater than John the Baptist  
has never been seen ”

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Third Sunday of Advent		15 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
St Joseph		St Edward's	
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass Joe Hough (LD)
Tuesday	9.15 a.m.		St Joseph's School Mass
		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee cake and a review of the demise of Manchester City.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Christmas Mass Times

6.30 pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Vigil St Edwards.

12.00 pm Midnight Mass Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at St Josephs.

9.00 am Wednesday Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December St Joseph's, and 11.00 am at St Edward's

### Christmas Mass Collections

All money taken over the Christmas masses will be donated to the local branch of the National Autistic Society. A great cause, so please mention to any family you have who wish to share.

### Churches Carol Service

Thanks to all who turned up in Darwen Town centre to sing carols with the other Church communities of Darwen.

This is a great event demonstrating how much we have in common.

### Christmas Collection

All money collected over the Christmas masses will be donated to the local branch of the National Autistic Society. We already have £800.00 to give but let us make a special effort to add to this and make a real difference.

### 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 St Joseph's Church for handover to the Foodbank on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

### Late Spring Trip

We are at the early stages of planning our next coach trip which will be sometime in the Spring. We will get a coach, and a crowd of members of the Parish. But where would you like to go, answers please to Fr Brian?



**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:** Bernard Porter (LD), Joe Hough. (LD), Sheila Townsley (LD), Ernie Edwards (LD), Stephen Murray (LD).

**Anniversary:** Gary Francis, Brenda Webb.

**Special Intentions:** The Hackett Family.

**Christmas Mass Intentions:** Frank Helliwell, James Culshaw, Barbara Timms, Helen Cowell, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Trent Duffy.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS BY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

## Becoming Catholic

This Tuesday the **17<sup>th</sup> December** at **7.00 pm** will be the last class of this Christmas season.

Thank you to all who contributed to these events over the last few weeks.

## Give of Yourself

What is the best gift you ever received?  
Better still, what is the best gift you ever gave?  
perhaps you will recall that in each instance, the best gift was one that was tied  
With the heartstrings of the giver,  
one that included a part of self.

## 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.

## School Inspection Report

St. Joseph's school had their Religious Education inspection in early November and are thrilled with the report they received. Inspectors determined that the mission statement is lived out by all in the school community and the senior leaders' commitment to the mission in education and placing Christ at the heart of the school is exemplary.

Behaviour of pupils in religious education lessons and around school is excellent and the inclusion and support of all pupils including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities is a strength of the school. It was also noted that parents were very complimentary on the way the school and parish work together.

The full report can be accessed via the school website: <https://www.stjosephsrcp.co.uk/inspection-reports/>

## Annual Christmas Carol Service

The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows held their annual Christmas Carol Service and prize giving at St. Joseph's Church last Monday night. They were wonderful and it was a great evening, so congratulations to all those who added to this event.

## Play Group

The next Play Group at St Edwards will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** between 9.30 am and 11.00 am. This is the opportunity for young children to play together and have a little fun and also an chance for parents to have good chat. A donation of £2.00 would be appreciated. All are welcome to this enjoyable event.

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 this Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Readers Sat:** 6.15 pm: P. Craven

**Sun 9 am:** L. Loxham 11 am: M. O'Boyle

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

**Sun 9 am:** S. McMillan 11 am: B. Suddick

## Rotas next Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

**Readers Sat:** 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

**Sun 9 am:** M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat:** 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

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