

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

“The Child grew, filled with wisdom”

Newsletter

Mass the Presentation of the Lord			2 nd February 2025
	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 The Presentation of the Lord
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee and cake and a satellite call from Fr. Brian to check on the security of his Des O'Conner record collection
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 pm.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.		Mass The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Our apologies for a different format in this week's Newsletter.
There was problem with the technology.**

<p>Fr. Brian will be away all next week and will return refreshed on Friday 14th February.</p> <p>Fr. Michael will be standing in for the weekend masses. Please make Fr. Michael welcome next Sunday. He is a great priest and a good man.</p>	<p>Candles We have recently bought quite a few of these essential items for our churches. These have included the special candles for our advent and Christmas periods as well as Easter. This has amounted to almost a thousand pound. .</p>
<p>Wednesday Play Group This fantastic gathering will not be open during the half term week. So it is closed on Wednesday 19th February. This is a wonderful group providing such fun and joy.</p>	<p>Scaffolding set to return You will soon notice the scaffold return to St Edward's Church as we carry out those essential repairs.</p>
<p>Spring Trip The coach has now been booked for Wednesday 2nd of April. We shall first make our way to the market town of Kendal, where there will be time to wander around the town centre, with its shops, museums and galleries. Kendal's Market Charter dates back to 1189 and markets are a major part of the town's heritage. The outdoor market is held every Wednesday and Saturday on the historic Market Place.</p> <p>It's then back on the coach for the onward journey to Ulverston where you are free to enter the Laurel and Hardy Museum (entry of £7.50 not included in cost) or again take in the town and have a relaxing day out. The cost for the trip is only £15.00. So, put the date in your diary and book a place by entering your name on the list at the back of each church. It will be a fun day out.</p> <p>This trip is filling up fast, but places are still available, so get you name down now.</p>	

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Andrea Mizon (LD). Joe Cooper (LD), Sandra Reddy (LD), Ethel Rollows (LD), Richard Grzybowski (LD). Kevin Coleman (LD).

Anniversary: Winifred Boland, Annie Conlon, Mary Knowles, James Culshaw, Peter Thomas Walsh. Paul John Davies, Isaak Spink.

Special Intentions: For a sick friend,

Mass Intentions: Tiana Thompson, Hazel Ainscough, Mary Maughan, Josef Bauer, Eileen and Brenda, For a Mass Intention.

Moment

The woman dashed
Through the split second

Too busy to be aware
That this was the moment

which had passed
into her subconscious

And into that
of the child

she
so dearly loved

Then on
On into eternity

Irish Night

The Knights of St Columba are organising an Irish Night to be held at St Joseph's Hall on the **Saturday 15th March**. All are invited to come along and have a great evening of fun and entertainment.

Supper and bar available.

The ticket price is £8 Adults and £4 for Children under 12.

The Knights will be selling raffle tickets for their Charities at £1 a ticket. The raffle is to be drawn on **Tuesday 1st April**.

Please support us to help support the parish.

After the Blessing

(written in Kenya)

After the blessing
The rattled sense of sound
And bold blustering's
Are calmed
And perception charmed
By the smell of growth
And the green contrast with a blue sky.

After the blessing
Those grouped and caught
Beneath narrow roof ledges
Or crouched low on stools
In dark smoky homes
Emerge in conversation
And the children like the birds
begin to sing

After the blessing
There is new hope
Though dirt roads are slippy
And clothes hang heavy
And cool to the touch
And the spirits love
Like Christ's blood
Is poured upon the earth.

After the blessing

Requiem Mass

Please note that there will be a Requiem Mass for Kevin Coleman on **Monday 17th February 2025**.

If you are able to please attend this Mass

Rotas this weekend 1st and 2nd February
Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan
Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11am:** C. Avino
Eucharistic Ministers Sat 6.15pm: P. Wardle
Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11 am:** J. Ainsworth

Rotas next weekend 8th and 9th February
Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton
Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** J. Ainsworth
Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough
Sun 9 am S. Aldcroft **11am:** M. Bauer