

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



St. Joseph's Church  
Bolton Rd

St Edward's Church  
Blackburn Rd

Parish Office  
Church House  
370 Blackburn Road  
Darwen, BB3 0AA  
01254 702525

Priest's Residence  
St. Joseph's Presbytery  
149 Bolton Road  
Darwen, BB3 2PG  
**01254 702026**

"We have come from the East to worship the King"

e-mail: [admin@darwencatholic.org.uk](mailto:admin@darwencatholic.org.uk)

[www.darwencatholic.org.uk](http://www.darwencatholic.org.uk)

The Epiphany of the Lord		5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
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.	Mass The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass Giovanni Curpo (LD)
Tuesday at School	9.15 a.m.		Epiphany Mass in St Joseph School
Wednesday	1.30 p.m.		Requiem Mass Martin Davies(LD)
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Epiphany Mass for St Edwards School
Friday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass Isaak Spink (LD)
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass The Baptism of the Lord

## A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

### Appreciation

There are quite a few funerals this week. Father Brian thanks all who support him in the facilitation of these sorrowful occasions.

### Christmas Celebrations

Thanks to all who contributed to the celebrations over the Christmas and New Year period. We had a record acquisition of an Easter egg, the beauty of the churches, the readings, the music and general kindness which were welcomed by all.

Father Christmas needs a special thanks for his silent contribution at the Christmas Fayre. He helped to set the scene and created the atmosphere for the children.

Now Happy New Year.

### Christmas Collection

We are delighted to share the total funds raised at this year's Christmas fayre, along with the donations collected during the Christmas Masses, for our selected charity, the local branch of the National Autistic Society.

We are proud to contribute £2,481.92 to this organisation, demonstrating our dedication and providing substantial support for their initiatives. This is a great expression of our faith.

### Late Spring Trip

We are considering a trip to the Laurel and Hardy Museum in Ulverston. This will be in the Spring and the date will be decided this week. It will involve the calling off at another location for refreshment and fun. This may be "another nice mess you've gotten me into!"



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:** Pearl Szabo (LD), Margaret O'Reilly, (LD), Giovanni Curpo (LD), Martin Davies (LD), Isaak Spink (LD).

**Anniversary:** Brenda Webb, Elizabeth Bolan, Frank Davis, Fred and Joan Divine, Michael Slater, May Slater, James Venguedasalan, Peter Thomas Walsh,

**Special Intentions:** The Hackett Family, Christine Slack for a successful operation, For a Sick Person, For a special Intention, Stephen Murray, Andy Murray, Robert Large.

**Season Mass Intentions:** Frank Helliwell, James Culshaw, Barbara Timms, Helen Cowell, Winifred Pattinson and the Pattinson Family, Tom and Anne McIver and the McIver Family, John and Mary Howard, Thomas and Lilian Gillett, Ronald, Nancy and Frank Haworth, Catherine Louise Haworth, The Howard Family, Tommy and Nellie Taylor, George and Annie Hackett, Terence Taylor, The Large Family, Eileen and Frank Graham, John Walsh, J. Bolan, Stephen Bolan, Maureen West, Jennie Turner, Arnold Turner, Barry Turner, Annie Doyle, Gary Francis, Blache and Hary Grime, Peter Munro Scott, Brian Entwistle and the Entwistle Family, The Waddington Family, The Byrne Family, The Taylor Family, Bert Webb, Ted Godwin, Michael Kay, Gerard Kay, Fred and Joan Devine.

## New Years Resolution

A Dry January. A daily Walk (whatever the distance).  
Have weekly contact with the family. Read at least 10 books in the year. Be early once a week. Prepare a decent meal. Eat a lunch. Read Sundays scripture each day. Keep a clear sink. No use of plastic bags. Learn a poem a month. Write four lines of a diary. Have a non-TV or computer night. Say five thank you's. Be more patient. I mean patient That is be more patient.

## JUST DO SOMETHING

## Peace

Peace is not just the absence of violence, but the presence of constructs of law and government.

When we pray for peace we pray not for an absence of violence, but for the active involvement of all people of good will



## Guilty Pleasures

No I have not responded to your E-Mail  
Neither have I released your text  
I have avoided the chatter of your twittering  
nonsense  
And face book is an increasingly vacuous volume I  
chose not to peruse

I am not queuing on the M6  
Or picking up convenience foods  
which free my spirit and block my arteries  
I am devoid of the liberation of direct debits  
Accessing money I do not have  
Nor am I saving programmes on the TV  
That were not worth viewing the first time

I am instead  
Watching  
Listening  
And waiting

And it is wonderful.

Thank You for your support throughout the year  
A/C: **TSDT Sacred Heart**  
A/C no. **40835803** Sort code: **205534**



**St Joseph's School**  
Limes Avenue, Darwen, BB3 2SG  
[office@stjosephs.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.blackburn.sch.uk)  
Tel. 01254 706264  
[www.stjosephsrcp.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsrcp.co.uk)



**St Edward's School**  
Blackburn Rd., Darwen, BB3 0AA  
[office@stedwards.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@stedwards.blackburn.sch.uk)  
Tel. 01254 701616  
[www.stedwardsrccdarwen.co.uk](http://www.stedwardsrccdarwen.co.uk)

## Rotas next weekend 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

**Sun 9 am:** F. Davis 11am: P. Simms

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

**Sun 9 am:** M. R. Gordon 11 am: P. Collan

## Rotas next Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 January 2025

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

**Sun 9 am:** M. Davies 11 am: A. Frangleton

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

**Sun 9 am:** G. Brindle 11 am: B. Beardsworth