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“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful ”

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee, cake and the preparation for our entry into Spring and the renewal of all things.
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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Frances

Please say a prayer for this old man who has served his whole life, and still at such an age has the burden of the cross of service.



Spring Trip

The coach booked for **Wednesday 2nd of April**. to visit Kendal and Ulverston is now full to maximum capacity. For those people still needing to pay please place the amount in an envelope marked "Spring Trip" together with your name, into the offertory basket.

Cover for Fr Brian

Thanks to all those individuals who covered the work in the parish while Fr Brian was away in the sunshine. Special thanks to Fr Michael Winstanley for celebrating the masses at the weekend.

Visiting Relics

The community of the Knights of St Columba have organised a tour of the country for the relics of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew. This tradition will be celebrated here in Darwen on the weekend of the 29th of March. These relics will be on exhibition within both churches during the weekend.

Funeral attendance

Funerals are a difficult time for both family and friends. However, the service itself relies heavily on our parishioners to help Fr. Brian. Many thanks go to all those individuals who support the services at these times.



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: Kevin Coleman (LD), Barbara Heyes (LD), Adam Draper (LD), Joseph Talbot (LD), Kate Duffy (LD), Garry Evans (LD), Cecelia Brown (LD).

Anniversary: Paul John Davies, Isaak Spink, Peggy Read, Janie Hackett, Jim Dawson, Paul John Davies, Sheila Mary Jardine, Mary Scott, Elizabeth Ardis, Kathleen Roberts, Andrea Lawless, Sarah Ann Harrison, Josephine Anne Smith.

Special Intentions: The Restoration of Good Health, For a special Intention, Thanksgiving to St Joseph, Mass offering to St Jude.

First confession

On Wednesday 26th February at St Edwards and on Thursday the 27th February at St Joseph's we shall be celebrating the first confession of the sacramental programme.

Let us pray that these children learn slowly to recognise the honesty of this sacrament. What did you do wrong last week!

What? you too are perfect.....

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting that marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of preparation for Easter. This year it falls on Wednesday 5th of March.

Why the variation? This is all to do with the Julian calendar and the history we share.

Nevertheless what are you going to do for Lent. Perhaps celebrating a weekday mass once or twice a week.

CAFOD

This week Fr Brian had the honour of sending a cheque from our parish to the value of £2269.01 to the CAFOD offices in London. This money will be used for enhancing the good work of this charity.

A great deal of the amount is a result of donations made after baptisms. So, the blessing of the day is reflected in the blessing experienced by a community being given a source of fresh water. Thus health, thus independence we have all shared in.

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.

Chosen

Who can do it?
You can do it

Why am I going to do it?
Because at this point you are there

How am I going to do it?

The best way you can

That is enough for now

Thank You for your support throughout the year
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Rotas this weekend 22nd and 23rd February 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm:D. Witherington

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

Rotas next weekend 1st and 2nd March 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: M. Sweeney **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

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