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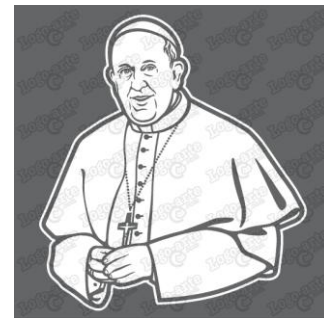
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			2 nd March 2025
St Joseph			St Edward's
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday		1.00 p.m.	Requiem Mass Gary Evans (LD)
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee, and a five-mile jog round the Tower to celebrate the snowdrops, daffodils, and crocuses.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass for schools at Church Mass in Church
Thursday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass Celia Brown (LD)
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 First Sunday of Lent

Confessions for Lent

Fr Brian will be hearing confessions at St Edwards after Mass on Saturday morning until 10.00 am.

Pope Frances

Let us say a prayer for our Holy Father as He battles health issues. At the age of 88 He still carries the burden of the cross of service.



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.

Play Group

This group has amazingly been running with volunteers for a year now. It's great with children learning, growing and enjoying each other's company. Plus, the parents share and enjoy the social aspect of the event.
Many thanks to all those involved.

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.



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: Adam Draper (LD), Joseph Talbot (LD), Kate Duffy (LD), Garry Evans (LD), Celia Brown (LD).

Anniversary: Sarah Ann Harrison, Josephine Anne Smith, Donald Harwood.

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

First confession

Many thanks go to the staff of St Edward's and St Joseph's who go over and above in the groundwork for the Sacramental programme. The children last Wednesday and Thursday were confident, involved and happy. This is largely as a result of work done in preparation. Our Catholic schools are a great gift of our history.

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.

CAFOD

Last 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.

Beware of Scammers

This week Fr Brian received a phone call from scammers seeking to get access to his bank account. They claimed there had been a large withdrawal of cash by Amazon. Fr Brian asked a question and was cut off. Then upon ringing the bank was informed that scammers were doing the rounds. Be very careful with your details.

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.

Lent

What are you doing for Lent?

Yes, you can do without, chocolate, booze, sugar in your tea. But then you can keep a diary of main events of each day. (a sentence for each event). Walk each day.

Say a prayer for different member of the family, recording their names to deter repetition.

Spend ten minutes in silence. Go to mid-week mass once a week. Save five pounds change a week and keep it in a jar and spend at the end of Lent.

Do something for Lent.

Thank You for your support throughout the year

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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 8th and 9th March 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: F. Davis 11am: J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am F. Davis 11am: B. Suddick