



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"They left everything and followed Him"

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			9 <sup>th</sup> February 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee, cake Fr Brian says just talk amongst yourselves.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Break Time

Fr. Brian will be away all next week and will return refreshed **on Friday 14th February.**

Fr. Michael will be standing in for this coming weekend masses. Please make Fr. Michael welcome on Sunday.

The parishioners of Darwen thank Fr Michael for supporting our parish during this period.

### For Love

We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love.

There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread,  
but there are many more dying for a little love.

**Mother Teresa 1910-1997**

### 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.

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 cost is £7.50 which is not included in the coach 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.

This trip is filling up fast, but places are still available, so get your name down soon to avoid disappointment.



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:** Joe Cooper (LD), Sandra Reddy (LD), Kevin Coleman (LD), Barbara Heyes (LD).

**Anniversary:** Mary Knowles, James Culshaw, Peter Thomas Walsh, Paul John Davies, Isaak Spink, Peggy Read, Janie Hackett, Jim Dawson, Paul John Davies,

**Special Intentions:** For a sick friend, The Hackett family, The Restoration of Good Health.

**Mass Intentions:**

## Irish Night

The Knights of St Columba are organising an Irish Night to be held at St Joseph's Hall on the **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Requiem Mass

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

If you are able to please attend this Mass

## 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.

## Scaffolding set to return

You will soon notice the scaffolding return to St Edward's Church as we carry out those essential repairs.

## Wednesday Play Group

This fantastic gathering will not be open during the half term week. So, it will be closed on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. This is a wonderful group providing such fun and joy.



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## Environment Award for children at St Joseph's School

We really do have the most loving and caring children in our school. Pupils, Harlin and Christiana have been superstars in our local community. As part of The Little Potting Club, they planted flowers and vegetables, cleaned up local green spaces and took part in nature conservation projects.

All of this meant that they were presented with the 2024 Environment Award from Blackburn with Darwen Council.

These children are living the Pope's and Bishop John's message to care for our common home, and we think they are amazing. Thank-you for caring for our planet and local area.



**Thank You for your support throughout the year**  
**A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart**  
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**Rotas next weekend 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Rotas next weekend 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Readers Sat:** 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

**Sun 9 am:** S. McMillan 11am: A. Atkinson

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

**Sun 9 am:** M. Worden 11 am: C. Avino