

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“This is My Son, listen to him”

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The Second Sunday in Lent		16 th 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 Second Sunday in Lent
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Lenten Mass followed by soup, bread and conversation.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.		School Mass Feast of St Joseph
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is taking his passport and is off to Yorkshire.
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass followed by confessions until 10.00 am Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Third Sunday of Lent

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.

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.



Irish Night

A big thank you goes to The Knights of St Columba for organising an Irish Night held last Saturday in St Joseph's Hall
The raffle is to be drawn on **Tuesday 1st April**.

Thanks

Thanks go to all who covered for Fr Brian as he dashed over to beautiful Donegal.

Tuesday Mornings at St. Edwards

There will be no more “Coffee Morning” until Easter. Instead, as a part of our Lenten observance we will simply have mass at 11.30 followed by soup bread and water. (The soup is actually rather nice “Fr Brian”) All proceeds from this event will go to CAFOD.

Red Boxes

It is time once again to empty your collection box. Please bring your red box along to church. Thank you for your contribution to this very worthy cause. Hand in to Maggie and Sarah

Confessions for Lent

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



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: Garry Evans (LD), Celia Brown (LD), Joseph Talbot (LD),

Anniversary: Donald Harwood, Vera Henry, John Noel Howard, Bill Clarkson, Bill Read, Mary and Charlie Ryder (Wedding anniversary)

Special Intentions: The Restoration of Good Health, For a special Intention, The Wright Family, Blessings in Married Life, Judith Helme, For a sick Friend.

Weekend Masses

This weekend we have the children from our sacramental programme at the Sunday morning masses.

Thanks go to those who prepare the children. To the parents and most of all to the parishioners who make them so welcome.

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.

St Patrick's Day

The feast day of St Patrick is on **Monday 17th March**. St Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland and was a fifth century Romano-British Christian Bishop. He was responsible for bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland. Climb the highest mountain in the world and you will find the bones of an Irishman.

St Joseph's Day

The Solemnity of St Joseph is on **Wednesday 19th March**.

Why not join the children for this celebration of the patron Saint at Mass in our Church?

Charity for Easter

The collections for the Easter services will be going to LEPRA. This is an organisation dealing with the still existent scourge of Leprosy. LEPRA is a non-governmental organisation that promotes quality health care, initiates and fosters new developments and implementation. Their history dates to 1925, when the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association (BELRA) started leprosy work in India.

But this disease is curable. It costs LEPRA £25 to change a life and if found early enough and treatment is provided, the disease can be halted preventing disability. So, we shall do our best to make a difference.

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 15th and 16th March 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: M. Davies 11am: P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan 11 am: T. Kennedy

Rotas next weekend 22nd and 23rd March 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh 11am: A. Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am M. Alvarez 11am: J. Ainsworth