

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

The Third Sunday in Lent		23rd 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 Third Sunday in Lent
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Lenten Mass followed by soup, bread. Raising funds for CAFOD and acting upon what we believe to be true.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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 Rose Sunday of Lent

Visiting Relics

Next weekend the Knights of St Columba will be presenting the relics which are being taken around the whole country to celebrate the Jubilee year. They will also be going into both of our schools.

Pope Francis

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.

Confessions for Lent

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

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.

Mass intentions

When seeking a mass intention, it is important that the reason for the request is clear. Thus if it is for an anniversary the envelope should be clearly stated. If it is for a sick person or special intention then again this must be stated. Lately dead is another important distinction.

It would be unfortunate to miss out a request if for example we were not sure if the person was very ill or had just died.

Housebound

We shall be undertaking home visits again this Friday. If you need a visit or know of someone who does, please feel free to write down their details and pass them on to Fr Brian.

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



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: Ann Cunningham (LD)

Anniversary: Bill Read, Mary and Charlie Ryder (Wedding anniversary), Tom McIvor, Tiana Thompsom, Brian Christopher Walsh

Mother's Day: Elizabeth Burke with Love,

Special Intentions: The Restoration of Good Health, For a special Intention for restoration of good health, For a sick Friend, A return to good health Frances Murphy.

Spring Trip to Kendal and Ulverston

The coach trip to Kendal and then onward to Ulverston is fast approaching. This is on **Wednesday 2nd April**, pickups are from St Joseph's and St Edwards. There have been several cancellations for this great day out. So, if you wish, there is a place for you. First come first serve. So, place your name, the name of the trip, telephone number and the full payment of £15 in an envelope and put it through the door of one of the presbyteries.

House Boiler

One of the central heating boilers in the house at St Joseph's has failed and will be replaced this week. Nothing is now made to last.

Charity for Easter

The collections for the Easter services will be going to LEPROSA. This is an organisation dealing with the still existent scourge of Leprosy. LEPROSA 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 LEPROSA £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.

School Sacramental Programme.

Last week was extremely busy for our schools. Sunday was the start of the sacramental programme. Wednesday saw St Joseph's school celebrating the feast of St Joseph in church, (followed by ice cream in school). Thursday saw two classes from St Edwards at the 9.15 mass all conducted without fuss.

The support of those who regularly attend mass is invaluable. The support of the school staff is wonderful, as always.

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

Do something for Lent.

Ministers Meeting

On Monday the Church ministers of the town of Darwen will be meeting again in St Joseph's house to work on what we can do together.

Thank You for your support throughout the year

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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 29th and 30th March 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A Morgan

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft **11 am:** M. Bauer