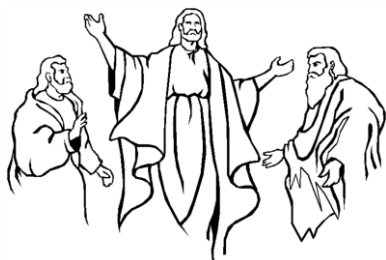


# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

**Rose Sunday**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**St Edward's**

**St Joseph**

**Did you get up in time? Clocks have gone forward 1 hour**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rose Sunday</b>
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by soup and bread as Fr Brian prays at St Bede's
Wednesday			No Service. We are off to another fine mess.
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass followed by confessions until 10.00 am Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>

### Visiting Relics

Thanks go to the Knights of St Columba for organising the placing of these relics in our Churches over this weekend. I hope you had the opportunity to visit them.

### A Day of Prayer

Fr Brian will be spending the day in silent prayer at St Bede's school on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April**. A physical and spiritual expression of faith in the school.

### Red Boxes

Please bring your red box along to church. Thank you for your contribution to this very worthy cause. Please hand them in to Maggie and Sarah.

### Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings beginning on the **10th April** for a period of three months in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm. This DAA group runs itself and it is an honour to host it. Say your prayers that it works well and answers a need.

### Spring Trip to Kendal and Ulverston

The coach trip to Kendal and then onward to Ulverston is upon us this week. On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** starting at 9.15 am from St Joseph's Church we will then be picking up directly from opposite the Anchor.

### 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.

### Ministers Meeting

Tea and coffee shared; we looked toward an evangelical gathering for the town. Details will follow. There was mutual support, and plans for a sponsored walk moved forward a little bit. A discussion took place on the process that families must go through to organise a funeral.

### 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:** Ann Cunningham (LD), Susan Kirby (LD), Josaphine Connolly (LD).

**Anniversary:** Tom McIvor, Tiana Thompson, Brian Christopher Walsh, Jimmy Mullaney, Kathleen Mary Humphrys, Francesco Moretti, Alice Sandbach, Eileen Mears,

**Mother's Day:** Elizabeth Burke with Love, Anne McIver, Esther McIntyre.

**Special Intentions:** Frances Murphy.

## 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.

## Work on St Edwards

Over the Easter holidays scaffolding will be going up at the school field end of St Edwards Church. This is to do a two-hour job on the roof, but it is all necessary.

## 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.

## Palm Sunday Walk

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April** we will, along with many more, be setting off to carry the Cross up onto the moors, next to the Jubilee Tower. The walk will start from The Green near Darwen Leisure Centre BB31PW at 2.00 pm. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

This is a great annual community event involving all the churches of Darwen.



## Lent

What are you doing for Lent?

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

Do something for Lent.

Thank You for your support throughout the year

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## Rotas this weekend 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## Rotas next weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Readers Sat 6.15pm:** L. Atherton

**Sun 9 am:** M. Alvarez 11am: J. Walsh

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

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