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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

The First Sunday in Lent		9 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 First Sunday in Lent
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by soup and bread for Lent. You are wonderful.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass Fr Brian returns
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 Second Sunday of Lent

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.



The Journey

Fr Brian has a relative living in Ireland who currently is not well and needs a visit. So off he goes. May the road rise with him, and the plane rise even higher than that. We all wish Father a safe journey

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.

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.

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

Anniversary: Sarah Ann Harrison, Josephine Anne Smith, Donald Harwood, Vera Henry, John Noel Howard, Bill Clarkson.

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

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.

CAFOD

The other 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.

We have now had a response from the CAFOD Office for our donation. A copy of this letter has been posted at back of both churches. Thank you all.

Charity for Easter

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

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 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

Rotas next 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