

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“He ascended into heaven”

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Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph

The Hunt is on for the first to spot a Christmas selection box – No Cheating – Not last years

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Easter Sunday
Monday		12.00 noon	Remembrance mass John Collins
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by followed by tea coffee cake and Easter egg hunt amongst the calories.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass and a celebration of Fr Brian's 66th birthday. The day his pension begins, but not his retirement.
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is going to audition for a part on Eastenders.
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Easter

Easter Celebrations

Thanks to those who each year contribute to our Easter services. Those who make the churches beautiful. Those who read, sing, play and generally add to the expression of our faith.

Disability Inclusion

April is the Jubilee month for disability inclusion and accessibility. Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is working to support people and parishes to develop their understanding of accessibility and disability and inclusion. A specific resource has been developed and is available on the caritassalford.org.uk website.

Caritas is encouraging parishioners to come forward to support parish accessibility and help raise awareness. Often, a small change can make a world of difference to a person – can you help make the change possible? If you are interested in helping, or if you want to indicate an accessibility barrier, then email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk for more information.

From James

CAFOD soup and Bread

The Tuesday gatherings that have been held after mass has created a joyful atmosphere of care, community and good food. The benefits going beyond Darwen as £405.00 has been raised for CAFOD as a result this simple act.

Such a blessing.

Chester Zoo

We shall be taking a coach this summer to see this place of wonder for families in the parish.

More detail will be available at a later date.

Will the Elephants remember us?

Your Next Trip

Where will our next trip take us to?

Fr Brian has suggested that we seek out a place of premiership status!

Please scratch your heads and submit your suggestions to Fr. Brian.



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: Susan Kirby (LD), Josaphine Connolly (LD), Peter Kok, John Collins (LD), Austin Hanlon (LD).

Anniversary: Jimmy Mullaney, Kathleen Mary Humphrys, Francesco Moretti, Alice Sandbach, Eileen Mears, Margaret Smith, Sarah Jane Walsh, Harry Foster, William and Theresa McHugh, Sarah Jane Walsh, Joe Holden, Sheila Brooks, Ken and Dorothy Witherington, Percy Scott, Philip Taylor, Louis Sudall and Family.

Special Intentions:

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings the next one is on the **24th April** 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.

St Edward's Play Group

The play group will reopen on **23rd of April**. This group is now over a year old so thank you to everyone who makes it a success.

Tuesday Mornings at St. Edwards

The tea, coffee and cake after our Tuesday service has now resumed. Please come along to enjoy the fellowship and good company of our parish community.

Palm Sunday Walk

We had representation from across the different Christian Churches of Darwen with over 80 people making their way to Darwen Tower.

Thanks go to our Scouting community of the town and all who took part. It was great witness, great community and great fun.

Charity for Easter

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



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Rotas next weekend 19th and 20th April 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat:6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am G. Brindle **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Rotas this weekend 26th and 27th April 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11 am:** B. Suddick

FLOUR and WATER

Gazing in adoration
At the Blessed Sacrament
I am what I observe
flour and water
this participation
in the transubstantiation
the daily miracle which I celebrate
leads me on
what I am
what I will be
after shared death
my death
here before me
beginning with flour and water
truth
humility.

Pascal Candles

Thanks again to the students of St Bede's who have painted the Pascal Candles the Easter period.

Work on St Edwards Church

Old buildings have big pockets. So, an essential job has been done on the rear gable of St Edwards Church. This has been paid for largely by money received in bequests to the parish. Funds from those in heaven who pray for our souls and pay for our comfort.

Thank You for your support throughout the year

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