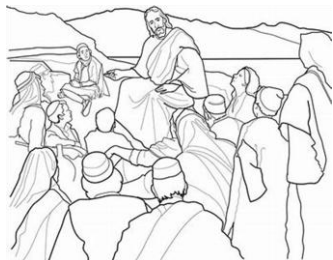


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“Let him without sin be the first to throw a stone”

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

6th April 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Mass followed by the last chance for soup and excellent bread.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service. Fr Brian at St Bede's leading the Lenten services for the school.
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is exploring the world
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.	Palm Sunday

Spring Trip to Kendal and Ulverston

Thanks to Alex and Margaret who arranged the weather with sunshine lasting the whole day. Kendal was wonderful with shops, gallery's, cafes and pubs. Lots to see and in retrospect we could have spent longer there. Then it was off to the birthplace of Stan Laurel in Ulverston. We did not see the house, but a young waitress in a café said that half day closing in the town did not really make much difference to the crowds. Two brave souls of the party climbed the hill to the lighthouse. Many of us went into the Laurel and Hardy Museum and laughed at the films, then we wandered in the sunshine. All too soon it was back on the coach, and on our way home, the M6 was kind to us. Our next trip will be advertised soon.



Another fine mess



Palm Sunday Walk

On **Sunday 13th 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.

Services over Easter week

Maundy Thursday 17th April St Joseph's at 7.00 pm followed by adoration until midnight.

Good Friday 18th April Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's 12.00 Noon

Good Friday 18th April celebration of the Passion at St Edwards 3.00pm

Easter Vigil Mass Sat 19th April St Joseph's at 6.15 pm

Easter Day Masses Sunday 20th April
St Joseph's at 9.15am and St Edwards at 11.00am

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: Jimmy Mullaney, Kathleen Mary Humphrys, Francesco Moretti, Alice Sandbach, Eileen Mears, Margaret Smith, Sarah Jane Walsh, Harry Foster, William and Theresa McHugh.

Special Intentions:

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

St Edward's Play Group

The play group will be closed for Easter **16th to 23rd of April**. This group is now over a year old so thanks for all the hard work.

Pascal Candles

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

Thank You for your support throughout the year

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Rotas this weekend 5th and 6th 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. Worden **11am:** C. Avino

Rotas next weekend 12th and 13th April 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M R Gordon **11 am:** P. Corran