

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“I give eternal life to my sheep”

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4th Sunday of Easter

11th May 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.	4 th Sunday of Easter
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and trade negotiations with Donald Trump concerning the export tariff on, Black Forest Gateaux, Cheese, Angel Cake, and Fruit Cake.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	5 th Sunday of Easter

A New Pope Chosen

The new Pope is Robert Prevost and will be known as Pope Leo XIV. The next few years will be hard for him as he undertakes his new responsibilities as leader of the Catholic Church. Let us pray for him and remember his first words to us all.
“May peace be with all of you.”

Important Dates

As we move towards summer the staff and pupils from our schools are working hard in preparation for an important milestone in their lives.

Upcoming events

First communions for our pupils of St Edwards will take place on **Sunday June 8th**,

and for the pupils of St Joseph's this will be on **Sunday 22nd June**.

For pupils celebrating their confirmation, this will take place on **Wednesday 25th June**.

A Day out

We have arranged a parish coach trip to visit Skipton and Ripon on **Wednesday 4th June**
Priced at £15.00

We will be setting off from St Joseph's at 9.00 am and St Edwards (Opposite the Anchor) at 9.15 am to first visit Skipton and its market. Fr Brian will continue his hunt for lemon curry chutney. We will leave Skipton at 12.15 and carry on to the city of Ripon which boasts a 7th century cathedral, and a picturesque market square and surrounding shops and cafes. It is planned to leave Ripon at 5.00 pm. For the return trip to Darwen.

All are welcome on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete the list at the back of both churches and place your name, telephone number and number of seats written on an envelope containing the full fee, and drop this through the presbytery doors, or hand in on Sunday.



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: Matthew Unsworth (LD)

Anniversary: John Cosgrove, Allan Hewitt, Herbert Sandbach (Birthday remembrance), Harry Mears (Birthday remembrance), Harry Grime, Rosaleen Smith, L/C Vincent Rogers K.I.A. Iraq, Donald Harwood (Birthday remembrance), Bernard Healy (Birthday remembrance), Joyce Harwood (Birthday and 8th May remembrance), Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Margaret Smith who would have been 100 on 15th May.

Special Intentions: Mass offering.

Chester Zoo Trip

We shall be taking a coach this summer to see this place of wonder for families in the parish. A date for this trip has now been fixed for **Tuesday 19th August.**

Pope Francis

Fr Brian quoted in his sermon a few weeks ago from a new publication of Pope Francis, It was from the book entitled "I want you to be happy" written late Pope Francis.

A Baptism and Wedding Bells

Last Sunday at St Edward's church, after our 11.00 am Mass, the new congregation who had arrived anticipating a baptism service were getting anxious.

The mother of the child was nowhere to be seen, and it was already 12.30. Then Fr Brian asked everyone to stand up and Michael our organist, struck up the bridal march.

In came the mother of that home wearing a wedding dress. She was on the arm of her father. The groom also in a suit, greeted her and the whole family at the altar, where the marriage and baptism took place.

It was beautiful, simple, loving and an example of what matters in life.

Congratulations Lewis and Chloe and your whole family.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **15th May** 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

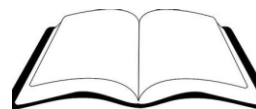
The next play group will be on **Wednesday 14th May.** This active group is now over a year old so thank you to everyone who help make it a success.

New people are always welcome please come along for a fun session.

A Sensitive Point

When planning a funeral for someone you love there is often the inclination to just accept what you are presented with. It seems almost rude to wonder about price.

Nevertheless, there is no harm in asking for approximate prices from different funeral directors.



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Rotas this weekend 10th and 11th May 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: F. Davis 11am: B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez 11 am: J. Ainsworth

Rotas next weekend 17th and 18th May 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Davies 11am: J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

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