



“Do you love me?”

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

3rd Sunday of Easter

4th 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.	3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and the preparation of a stove in the hope of producing white smoke.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.00 a.m.		Mass for Our Lady with St Joseph's School
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	4th Sunday of Easter

Election of a New Pope

As Roman Catholics we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Whoever is elected may he have health, humility and strength.

We have a winner!

The Knights wish to thank all the people who supported our Irish night. From the proceeds we on behalf of the parish have donated £50 towards the cost of the new heating system and £150 donated to the East Lancs Hospice.

We also thank all who bought tickets for the grand national draw. Congratulation to a couple of winners from our parish who both won £30.

The month of May is the month of our Lady and we will be holding the rosary again in St Edward's church every Tuesday at 9:30 before morning mass all welcome to come and celebrate our Lady Mary.

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**.

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.



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: John Collins (LD), Austin Hanlon (LD), David Davis (LD), Michael McGrath(LD), Anne Harrison (LD), Matthew Unsworth (LD)

Anniversary: Esther Holden, John Cosgrove, Allan Hewitt, Herbert Sandbach (Birthday remembrance), Harry Mears (Birthday remembrance)

Special Intentions:

St Georges Day

Thanks to our scouting community who again did us proud at the St George's Day celebrations last week.

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.**

Your Next Coach 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.

Easter Collections

We have the honour of sending £1,513.57p to the Charity Lepira to use in their research and care for the victims of Leprosy.
Very well done. This is a clear expression of our faith.

In Praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There are those
who would elevate your role
and place you safely above the daily experience.
Yet still your humility calls me
to see within normality
the seeds of divinity.
To realise the incredible
to accept the pain
to push
and give birth.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings, the next one is on the **8th 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

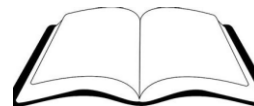
The next play group will be on **Wednesday 7th May.** This active group is now over a year old so thank you to everyone who help make it a success.

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.



Thank You for your support throughout the year
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Rotas next weekend 3rd and 4th May 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton
Sun 9 am: M. Sweeney **11am:** M. Bauer
Eucharistic Ministers Sat:6.15pm: P. Ainscough
Sun 9 am S. McMillian **11am:** T. Kennedy

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