



"All eat and were satisfied"

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

22nd June 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph

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| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | 9.15 a.m. | Mass Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ |
| Monday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Tuesday | 9.15 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | School Mass St Joseph's School Children School Mass St Edwards School Children Requiem Mass Gordon Waddicor (LD) |
| | 1.00 p.m. | | |
| Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass. |
| Thursday | 10.30 a.m. | | Requiem Mass Michael Cooney(LD) |
| 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. | Saints Peter and Paul |

First Communions

On Sunday 22nd June the children of St Joseph's will be coming to mass wearing their first communion clothes. Please pray for our children that they grow healthy and happy. Many thanks go to the staff at St Joseph's School who worked so hard to make this day special.

Please Note Tuesday Tea Coffee and Cake

The feast day mass at St Edwards is at 11.00 a.m. with the children. We have special dispensation for the usual social gathering to take place at 10.00 am in the hall and not following the Mass. There is so much on the world stage to discuss.

Jubilee Mass

St Albans is hosting a special mass to celebrate the church's year of Jubilee. Bishop John Arnold will be chief concelebrant in this deanery celebration at 7.00 pm on **Friday July 4th**. Please join Fr Brian in celebrating this Jubilee.

Daily Mass - An appeal from Fr Brian.

If you can come, please attend our mid-week mass on at least one day.

Sponsored Walk

Fr Brian, together with a number of the local clergy from Darwen are planning to undertake a 10 mile sponsored walk around the Tower on **Saturday 19th July**. The money raised will go to the Dinner at Derwent a project for the kitchen at Derwent Hall

Ways to donate

Visit the Just Giving page and search for Dinners at Derwent Hall, or Scan the QR Code below. Alternatively place your donation in an envelope clearly marked *Dinners at Derwent Hall* and place in the collection. The parish will then pay the money into the JustGiving page.

We are currently at 34% of the total planned donation



Confirmation

The Confirmation services will take place on **Wednesday 25th June** at St Josephs at 6.00pm and 7.30 pm. This involves young people from a number of parishes in this area. The candidates have been through extra classes in St Bede's school, and are a credit to their generation.



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: Pat Cooney (LD), Beryl Duckworth (LD), Michael Cooney (LD), Philip Wilcock (LD), Bernardo Staffa (LD), Gordon Waddicor (LD), David Bartholemew (LD)

Anniversary: Catherine Louise Haworth, Michael Reddy, Elizabeth Burke, Tony Russell, Helen Cowell, Repose for the Soul of Maureen Hulme, Kathleen Ellen Clare, Michael Reedy

Fathers Day Charles & Anthony McIntre, Tom McIver, Christopher Burke, Jimmy Mullaney, Harry Grime

Special Intentions: A Special Intention

St Edward's Play Group

The next play group will be on **Wednesday 25th June**. Thank you to everyone who help make this active group a success.

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

Bereavement Support Group

This group associated with the East Lancashire Hospice can be a great help. There is no right or wrong way to grieve, no set pattern, no fixed timeframe.

This group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one within the last three years. There is no cost and no pressure to share.

For further information please contact the Family Support Team on 01254 965857 or visit eastlancshospice.org.uk

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Required

Please consider becoming a Reader or Eucharistic Minister for our Saturday evening Services at St Joseph's Church.

If you require any information about this important role, please speak to Fr Brian, and offer your service if you are able to help.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **26th June** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Special notice

Next Saturday evening mass at St Joseph's, Harper will be baptised and receive her first communion. If you wish to get her a card or make some kind of gesture for this young lady; who is so important to us then that would be lovely.

Guilty pleasures

*No I have not responded to your E-Mail
Neither have I released your text
I have avoided the chatter of your twittering nonsense
And Facebook is an increasingly vacuous volume I chose not to peruse.
I am not queuing on the M6
Or picking up convenience foods which free my spirit and block my arteries
I am devoid of the liberation of direct debits
Accessing money, I do not have
Nor am I saving programmes on the TV
That were not worth viewing the first time*

*I am instead
Watching
Listening
And waiting
And it is wonderful*

CAFOD and Gaza

Fr Brian contacted the London offices of CAFOD concerning Aid to Gaza. He was informed that because of partnerships established before the advent of violence some work has been done. Difficult as it is to get aid in, partners are on track to reach 3,000 individuals, and during the ceasefire the partners were able to deliver AID including much needed food supplies.

Pray for all the people.



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Rotas this weekend 21st and 22nd June 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

Sun 9 am G. Brindle **11am:** T. Kennedy

Rotas next weekend 28th and 29th June 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: M. Alzarex **11 am:** J. Ainsworth