



"Who is my neighbour?"

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**St Edward's**

**St Joseph's**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD**

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>6.15 p.m.</b> | <b>9.15 a.m.</b>  | <b>Mass<br/>Vigil Mass</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>9.00 a.m.</b> | <b>11.00 a.m.</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  |
| Monday          | 9.15 a.m.        |                   | Mass  |
| Tuesday         | 9.00 a.m.        | 10.00 a.m.        | Mass for St Joseph's School Children<br>Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee and cake and a discussion on how best to keep cool during this heat wave. |
| Wednesday       | 9.15 a.m.        |                   | Mass  |
| Thursday        |                  | <b>12.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Requiem Mass</b>   |
| Friday          | 9.15 a.m.        |                   | Mass  |
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| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>9.00 a.m.</b> | <b>11.00 a.m.</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>   |

## Mass of Healing

The Mass of Healing has been arranged for **Saturday 2nd of August** at St Edwards Church Hall at 2pm.

Fr Brian will be celebrating the Mass followed by afternoon tea.

If you would like to attend this special service place your name on the list at the back of church.

Transport will be provided if required contact Maggie Tel 07880715378

## Daily Mass - An appeal from Fr Brian.

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

Your presence at the weekday mass is greatly appreciated.



## Prayer for World Peace

A Plea for Calm and Unity

In these troubled times,  
Guide our hearts toward kindness,  
And our minds toward understanding.  
Let peace blossom where there is conflict,  
Hope where there is despair,  
And unity where there is division.  
Grant us the courage to uplift one another,  
And the wisdom to walk the path of peace—  
Together, as one human family.  
*Amen.*

## Chester Zoo Trip

The schools coach trip to Chester Zoo is now completely full. The animals will be clean and well fed as will the children. We will all have a great time and we just need the weather to be dry and warm.

## The Importance of a Will

Do you have a will?  
Save your loved ones from a lot of problems. No matter what your age it is important to make a will.



**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:** Stuart Walmesley (LD), Mary Gilmore (LD), Bernie Staffa (LD).

**Anniversary:** Mary Howard, Robert Large, Mary Ellen Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Gerry Lucas, Eileen Mears. Peter Richard Kerrane, Winnie Foster, Mass intentions from all our parishioners for friends and family who have an anniversary at this time.

**Special Intentions:** A speedy recovery to Alec.

### St Edward's Play Group

The next play group will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. 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](http://eastlancshospice.org.uk)

### Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **17<sup>th</sup> July** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Required

If you are able to undertake this important role at St Joseph on a Saturday evening, please speak to Fr Brian, and offer your service.

### Red Box Collection

There are still a few Red Boxes outstanding that need to be collected. If your box has not been emptied recently, please contact Maggie on 07880715378 to arrange an appropriate time.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NB** The JustGiving page is currently unavailable for donations for the walk This will be corrected. Please continue to donate by using an envelope in the collection plate.



### The Struggles We Bear

Life's path is rugged, steep, and wild,  
Its storms can leave a soul beguiled.  
A sea of trials, waves unkind,  
Testing the heart, the strength, the mind.  
Yet within the shadows, hope does gleam,  
A quiet whisper, a steady stream.  
For every tear, a seed is sown,  
From broken ground, new life is grown.  
Stand firm, though winds may howl and bite,  
Each step you take brings dawn from night.  
The struggle shapes, the pain refines,  
The soul ascends where courage shines.  
So rise, dear heart, let fear not reign,  
Through fire and rain, you'll break the chain.  
For struggles are but life's embrace,  
To carve your strength, to light your space.



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### Rotas this weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Readers Sat: 6.15 pm:** P. Craven

**Sun 9 am:** F. Davis **11am:** M. Bauer

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm:** D. Witherington

**Sun 9 am:** M. Worden **11 am:** C. Avino

### Rotas next weekend 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Readers Sat 6.15pm:** A. Morgan

**Sun 9 am:** M. Davies **11am:** B. Beardsworth

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm:** P. Wardle

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