



“Mary has chosen the good portion”

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16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			20 th July 2025
St Edward's			
St Joseph's			
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	12.45 p.m.		Requiem Mass Damien Duckworth(LD)
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and a discussion on grandchildren coming to grandparents because of the rain. Asking can I. Proclaiming it was not me. Then managing to get more chocolate upon their T shirt than in their mouth.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is off to the Cricket
Thursday			No Service Fr Brian is off to the Cricket again
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass Fr Brian could not afford three days
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass of Healing

The Mass of Healing has been arranged for **Saturday 2nd of August** at St Edwards Church Hall. We shall be celebrating this special mass of healing, which will involve the anointing of the sick at 2.00 pm. Could you please sign the sheet at the back of one of the churches to help with catering. All are most welcome to this annual event.

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.

Chester Zoo Trip

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

Summer Holidays

Enjoy and recognise again what a great job the schools do in providing our children with many opportunities to serve the parish and wider community and actively work to protect God's creation.

Food Larder

While Fr Brian was away, the Food Larder team held a meeting to ensure the continued delivery of this crucial service. Their work remains vital, providing food and support to those in need in our community.

The Food Larder helps alleviate food insecurity, supported by dedicated volunteers and generous donors. Their efforts offer not only nourishment but also hope and dignity to many of our local families. We are deeply thankful for everyone involved in running and supporting the Food Larder. Their commitment makes a real difference every day.



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: Mary Gilmore (LD), Bernie Staffa (LD), John Cook (LD), Damien Duckworth (LD)

Anniversary: Gerry Lucas, Eileen Mears. Peter Richard Kerrane, Winnie Foster, Tom McIver, Mass intentions from all our parishioners for friends and family who have an anniversary at this time.

Special Intentions: A speedy recovery to Alec, For the complete recovery of a friend, A special intention for a successful outcome on the 21st July.

The Power of Friendship and Helping Others

Friendship is like Wi-Fi—when the connection's strong, everything runs smoother. Lending a hand to others strengthens our signal! True friends rescue us from awkward moments, share snacks, and make every day an epic adventure, even on Mondays.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **24th July** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Sponsored Walk

By the time you are reading this FR Brian will have walked together with others the ten miles around the Tower. Hopefully by then the JustGiving page will be back up. However, whatever the technical problems, we shall raise the money for that great place with its social dinners for the people of Darwen.

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.



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.



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Rotas this weekend 19th and 20th 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

Rotas next weekend 26th and 17th July 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11 am:** B. Beardsworth

Laura

Oh my dear Laura
Not so old,
Yet so much older
Conscious of a spot
And being spotted
By gorgeous Lads
Whose interest
Has been courted
With as yet
Unperfected
Adolescent guile

This painful process
Of growing up
With hair grooming
And putting on
The style
I too endured

And in its toil
did not smile

How witty then
To listen to
The same old story
Now an uncle
Free to laugh

And enjoy your
Complex glory
How I love you
You vain
Moody
Beautiful Lass

Laura is now 35 years old.