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"Jesus said "Ask and it will be given
to you"

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th July 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

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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. | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Tuesday | | 10.00 a.m. | Mass followed by tea, coffee followed a football game on the school field. Ladies only. |
| Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Thursday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass |
| Friday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | 9.15 a.m. 2.00 p.m. | Mass Mass for the Healing in the Church Hall Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | 18th 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

The Food Larder team work extremely hard and 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: John Cook (LD), Damien Duckworth (LD), Maureen Holmes(LD)

Anniversary: Eileen Mears. Peter Richard Kerrane, Winnie Foster, Tom McIver, Bill Clarkson. 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, Prayers and speedy recovery for Jimmy Egan.

Ask and It Will Be Given to You

The Power of Request (with a Wink)

"Ask and it will be given to you"—or so the legend goes. Whether it's cookies from the top shelf or life's grand answers, sometimes all it takes is a polite request (and maybe a hopeful smile). This phrase reminds us that the universe might just be a generous genie—if only you dare to ask!

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **30th 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 completed his ten mile walk 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.



The Joy of Being a Grandparent

To hold tiny hands with wrinkled ones—
A meeting of worlds, past and new—
To hear laughter echo in bright rooms,
Stories retold beneath gentle eyes,
And cherish childhood's wonder twice.
The joy is in sticky hugs, small secrets,
In bedtime tales and playful advice,
In watching courage grow on little legs,
And seeing family roots reach the sky.
A grandparent's love comes quietly,
Deep as time and sweet as hope—
A place to return, a heart that holds
The laughter of generations close.

The Gentle Joy of Rain

(A Poem on Rainy Day Pleasures)
The rain taps softly on the pane,
A gentle drum, a sweet refrain,
Grey clouds gather, close and kind,
Cradling thoughts that roam the mind.
Inside, a golden lamplight glows,
Steam curls from a cup, warmth grows,
Each droplet writes upon the glass
A fleeting script that cannot last.
Outside, the world is washed anew,
Leaves gleam in every shade of dew,
Pavements shimmer, earth is fed,
Nature tucks the world to bed.
There is a hush that bids me stay,
To watch the silver rivers play,
And find, within the rainy gloom,
A quiet peace, a gentle bloom.



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Rotas this weekend 26th and 27th 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

Rotas next weekend 2nd and 3rd August 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** B. Suddick