



"You also must be ready"

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th August 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.	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and cake and a spot of sunbathing. It may be our last chance.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday	10.30 a.m.		Requiem Mass Maria Jergovic RIP
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.	20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Pilgrims of Hope Rosary

During their Jubilee Year the Knights of St Columba continue to pray the Rosary every Thursday evening at 7.30pm, the Rosary is held on the Zoom app which is free to download.

The Meeting ID is 895 3351 1576 and the Passcode is 856705. Or you can simply follow the link below
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89533511576?pwd=6QZXNPuEovj4ZsXPuTU1Umpoglsifv.1>

The Rosary is not just for Knights; there is an open invitation for everyone to take part. Family, friends, fellow Parishioners, are all more than welcome. Just log on and give it a try.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **13th August** in St Edwards Parish Hall.
The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Chester Zoo

Our trip to Chester Zoo on **Tuesday August 19th** is fast approaching and we will meet the coach at Darwen Bus Station on Croft Street. But will the elephants remember us.

Mass of Healing

It is wonderful to celebrate an occasion like this with the sacrament of anointing and the social gathering of so many. Thanks to all those who contributed to this gathering in St Edward's Parish Hall. All of it only possible because of the hard work of all the SVP volunteers.

Fr. Brian's Walking Trip

Fr Brian has another walking adventure booked for September. The route goes from Darwen to Burnley then onto Howarth, next comes Saltaire, then to Addingham. Picking up the Dales High Way, he walks on to Hetton, Settle, Chapel-le-Dale and Sedburgh. The final section will pass by Newbiggin-on Lune and finally Appleby is reached. Let's hope the weather keeps fine.



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: Damien Duckworth (LD), Maureen Holmes (LD) Ian Procter (LD), Maria Jergovic (LD), Martha Reddell (LD), Diane Lee (LD).

Anniversary: Winnie Foster, Bill Clarkson, Esther McIntyre, Catherine Louise Haworth, Michael Reddy, Robert Oldfield, Anne Halsall. John Joseph Walsh, Russell Cowell.

Special Intentions: A speedy recovery to Alec, Prayers and speedy recovery for Jimmy Egan, Thanksgiving for a near escape and a speedy recovery from a heart condition, For a sick Friend.

If only or Serenity

To be old enough
Not to need children
To visit a zoo
Or play with pebbles on a beach
To feel the exhilaration
Of sunshine on the face
And sleep
Free
Of pointless anxiety
The small hand upon the chest
Touching the heart the beat
Then the head
Nestling into the cheek
The deep tones
of the notes and prayers
the trust and proclamation
of faith
the love
How profound
the voice of she
who as yet could not
pronounce a word
Teaching, Preaching, Breathing

Dinners at Derwent Hall

What a tremendous achievement it is to have raised just over one thousand pounds in support of this vital service within our community. Thank you to all who have contributed over last few weeks and to Fr Brian and others who themselves committed to the walk.

Let us remember, it is when we act together that remarkable things happen. United by purpose and compassion, we turn hopes into realities. Thank you for being part of this journey and for showing that, as a community, we truly can make things happen.

100 Years of Service

On the 4th of July 2026 the Knights of St. Columba Council 149 Darwen will have been serving the Darwen Catholic community for 100 years. Since receiving its charter on 4th July 1926 with 24 initial members the Knights have sought to support the mission of the Roman Catholic Church and at the same time to work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of its members and their families.

We are the largest Catholic lay organisation in the UK. As Knights we take an oath to defend the values and freedom of the Church and to render every assistance to the Clergy. Our members arrange fundraising and Social Events, carry out Stewarding, Sponsor Youth Competitions and so much more. We believe that by working together for the common good we become stronger. We strive to serve God by serving others.

The Knights offer a vehicle whereby gentlemen specifically can interact with each other in fraternity, become more involved in the activities of the Parish, and, whilst doing so, act as role models for our youth. This can be especially important for our young men to witness gentlemen attending Mass and helping the Church.

To enable us to continue to serve the parish for the next 100 years Council 149 Darwen Needs You! Contact us for more details
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Rotas this weekend 9th and 10th August 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: Maggie Alvarez **11am:** A. Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11 am:** T. Kennedy

Rotas next weekend 16th and 17th August 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

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