



"I have not come to give peace but division"

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th 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.	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee and cake and a discussion on the procurement of exotic animals for Fr Brian.
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.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	21st Sunday Ordinary Time

VJ Day

Last **Friday 15th August** was an opportunity for the nation to come together to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War veterans in the Far East who came from across the UK and all parts of the Commonwealth. This included a series of national and local events.

Chester Zoo

Our trip to Chester Zoo is now next **Tuesday August 19th**. We will meet the coach at Darwen Bus Station on Croft Street at 9.00 am. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the SVP will be held on **Monday 18th August** at St Edwards Hall commencing at 7 p.m.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **20th August** in St Edwards Parish Hall.
The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

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=6QZXNPuEovj4ZsXPuTU1Umpoglsfv.1>

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: Ian Procter (LD), Maria Jergovic (LD), Martha Reddell (LD), Diane Lee (LD), Lyndon Wright (LD).

Anniversary: Winnie Foster, Esther McIntyre, Catherine Louise Haworth, Michael Reddy, Robert Oldfield, Anne Halsall. John Joseph Walsh, Russell Cowell, Clara Makin, Alice Sandbach.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving for a near escape and a speedy recovery from a heart condition, For a sick Friend, For successful treatment for a family member.

Helping Others in Our Community

In every corner of our parish, there are opportunities—both large and small—to help those around us. Whether it's lending a listening ear, sharing a meal, or offering practical support, acts of kindness weave a stronger, more caring community.

Why Helping Matters

At the heart of our faith lies a call to love our neighbours as ourselves. When we reach out to others, we not only meet practical needs but also foster hope and friendship. Every gesture, no matter how modest, has the power to uplift spirits and remind people that they are not alone.

Ways to Make a Difference

- Volunteer your time – From assisting at food banks to visiting the elderly, your presence can brighten someone's day.
- Share your talents – Can you cook, garden, or teach? Offer your skills for community projects or those in need.
- Help out at church by becoming a reader or a Eucharistic minister.
- Offer encouragement – Sometimes, a word of kindness or a smile is the greatest gift you can give.

Dinners at Derwent Hall

What a tremendous achievement it is to have raised £1257.15 in support of this vital service within our community. The money raised will go towards the purchase of a new oven. Thank you to all who have contributed over last few weeks and to Fr Brian and others who committed themselves to the walk.

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!

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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 23rd and 24th August 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** J. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft **11 am:** M. Bauer