



“Those who are last will be first”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th 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.	21st 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 counselling forum for grandparents close to breakdown as the end of the summer holidays approaches. Requiem Mass Kathleen Bohan (LD)
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Trip to Chester Zoo

We went in a double decker bus, looking over the traffic jams on the M6. Loads of people spotted the snow leopards, the tigers were a bit shy, but the Elephants remembered us and showed off. We all had an exhausting and fun time. Thanks be to God.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **27th August** in St Edwards Parish Hall.
The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Daily Mass

This is a repeated appeal. However, as the summer draws to a close please consider mid-week mass at least once a week. Why? We for all the obvious reasons, but equally it is a reason to get out of that bed and start the day.

A September Ramble

As the first crisp days of September arrive, Fr. Brian prepares, with characteristic enthusiasm, for another walking adventure—a journey that weaves across the wild and storied landscapes of Northern England. This year's route, ambitious and picturesque, takes him from Darwen to Appleby, with each stage unfolding a new chapter in this epic, soul-nourishing trek.

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>



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: Lyndon Wright (LD), Tom Jack (LD), Kathleen Bohan (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: For a sick Friend, For successful treatment for a family member.

A Request

Does anyone have a winter coat that would suit an eleven year old starting at senior school?

Dinners at Derwent Hall

Last week the cheque was handed over to the committee at Derwent Hall to contribute to the purchase of a new industrial cooker. There is so much joy created each day at those meals. So it is great that you have contributed to keep this service going.

Exam Results

This week we celebrate not only exam results but the spirit of learning and the community that makes it possible. Congratulations to every student, every teacher, every school, and every family. May you work with what you have, find joy in the journey, and continue to strive for excellence. Remember, today's results are just one chapter in the story of your life—many more adventures await.

Autumn Coach Trip

An Autumn coach trip is still at the planning stage. So watch this space for details of the up and coming day out.

What Matters

*How in times past
Have I wasted energy
On useless anxiety
And now approaching
Sixty-SIX
Would cash in that
Strength
To celebrate
The gifts
Of what matters.*

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 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

Rotas next weekend 16th and 17th August 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D Witherington

Sun 9 am: G Brindle **11am:** C Avino

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Craven

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