



“The humble will be exalted”

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**St Edward's**

**St Joseph's**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
Monday			No Mass as Fr Brian will be at St Bede's celebrating mass with the pupils.
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and cake and a game of women's Rugby Union in honour of the English women's Rugby team.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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## Wedding Bells

Last Sunday friends and family turned up to St Joseph's church for the 1.30pm baptism. There seemed to be a delay as the mother of the child was not there. Then all were amazed to hear the organist was playing "Here comes the bride". A huge cry of joy went up as the guests saw the wedding dress and realised they were also at a wedding.

A baptism and wedding took place at the same occasion. This truly was a family celebration of love. So congratulations to Jessica Hall and Damon Aspinall.

And to Eden Lois who was baptised.  
No fuss, just fun and real commitment.

## October Coach Trip

It has been a few years since our last visit to either LIVERPOOL or CHESTER. So, on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** we will set off, but let Fr Brian know your preference and the result will be posted next week.

## A September Ramble

As the gentle hush of September gathers over the hills, the air carries a subtle promise—leaves tinged gold by the first shivers of autumn, the earth fragrant with anticipation. Fr. Brian, heart buoyed by wanderlust and spirit aglow with expectation, laces his boots once more. With a well-worn map in hand and a weathered pack on his shoulders, he sets forth beyond the familiar streets of Darwen, eager to trace the ancient, meandering paths that wind northward toward Appleby.

## 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), Angela Proctor (LD)

**Anniversary:** Clara Makin, Alice Sandbach, Testa. Carmela, Biancospino Olimpia, Biancospino Stefania.

**Special Intentions:** For a sick friend, For successful treatment for a family member.

## Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **3<sup>rd</sup> September** in St Edwards Parish Hall.

The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

## Schools go back

Thanks be to God for educational institutions that occupy our grandchildren during the day.

## Winter Coat

Thank you for all the offers. This has been sorted.

## Poetry recital

Fr Brian is planning a poetry recital for this Autumn at which a limited number of copies of his work will be on sale.

## 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? Well for all the obvious reasons, but equally it is a reason to get out of that bed and start the day.

## Visit from the Columban Mission Society

On the weekend of the **20th of September** Fr Brian will be basking in the sunshine of the Yorkshire Dales, while on his way walking to Appleby. In his place celebrating mass will be a priest from the Columban Mission Society. The WHOLE collection from that week will go to the Missionary Society to help support the fantastic work that they carry out.



ST COLUMBANS MISSION SOCIETY

## Life mirroring Art

*The way they dance like that  
The leaves  
What does it mean?*

*When the sky turns black  
What does it mean?*

*The way the waves lose control  
The way I grow old  
The pattern the cold  
What does it mean?*

*And if I know  
Can I then relax  
Will I have control?  
What do you mean?*

## 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.

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 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Readers Sat: 6.15 pm:** D. Witherington

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

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm:** P. Craven

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

## Rotas next weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Readers Sat 6.15pm:** P. Craven

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

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm:** D. Witherington

**Sun 9 am:** M.R. Gordon **11am:** P. Corran