



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"The things you have prepared whose  
will they be?"**

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**St Edward's**

**St Joseph's**

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>9.15 a.m. 2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass Mass for the Healing in the Church Hall Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday	<b>9.45 a.m.</b>		<b>Requiem Mass Ian Procter (LD)</b>
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee plus the formation of our own women's football team to fill the gap in Blackburn. Men will manage, strict regime & Cake will be the secret ingredient to their success.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
<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>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>

## **Mass of Healing**

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

## **Chester Zoo**

We are all set up for **Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>** and ready to go from Darwen Bus Station on Croft Street.  
Will the Elephants remember us.

## **Fr. Brian's Walking Trip**

Fr Brian has yet another holiday booked for September when he shall again be walking up to Appleby, starting from the front door of St Josephs. He again expects to encounter wizards, dragons and lots of adventures along the way.

## **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>

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.



**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) Ian Procter (LD)

**Anniversary:** Winnie Foster, Tom McIver, Bill Clarkson, Diane Lee.

**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.

### Years later

*Mother I miss you  
Now so far away  
And yet closer  
Closer than ever  
Removed now  
from the pointless anxieties  
free to share the realities  
of your kindness  
and our love  
The gift of faith  
Not  
the means  
By which I reduce  
The challenge  
But the constant call  
To see beyond  
And move on*

## Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **6<sup>th</sup> August** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

## Sponsored Walk for Dinners at Derwent Hall

Fr Brian is not a great expert on the internet and unfortunately the JustGiving page did not work out. Indeed, it has sent whatever contributions anyone made back to the banks of those who kindly donated.

Thus, if you did give using this means then the money has been returned to your account.

If you want to correct the fault by being old fashioned and putting the money in a named and sealed envelope Fr Brian would be most grateful. Thus, we will delay the announcement of the total amount raised for at least a week before handing over the money to this great local cause.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Rotas next weekend 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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