



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"The Son of Man must be lifted up"

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year C

14th September 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.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year C
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea, coffee and cake and applications for Darwen tarmacking competition. There will be a special category, the leaning on a shovel pose. A bottle of bitumen perfume to accompany the medal.
Wednesday			No Service
Thursday			No Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Visit from the Columban Mission Society

On the weekend of the **20th of September** Fr Brian will be away. In his place celebrating mass will be Fr. Tom Ryan from the Columban Mission Society.

Please greet him with a warm Darreners' welcome.

October Coach Trip

It is to be Liverpool with its Gallery's, two Cathedrals, the Beatles Tour, the Docks and of course shops and more shops. The date for the trip out is **Tuesday 7th October** and there will be pickup points at both St Edward's and St Joseph's

The cost just £15.00 per person and next time we plan a day out it may visit Chester.

If you wish to join us on this trip out please enter your name, contact details on the sheet at the back of both churches.

Mass for the following w/c 22/09/2025

There will be no mass on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Then back to normal St Edward's Thursday 9.15 am and St Joseph's Friday 9.15 am

A Priest's Progress

Fr. Brian starts his travels after Mass on Sunday 14th September. To follow his progress and view some of his photos visit the parish website Darwen Catholic Parishes and scroll down to Photo's of Fr. Brian Walking Trip 2025.

Becoming Catholic

We will publish dates for anyone who is interested in exploring becoming catholic upon the return of Fr. Brian.

Home Visits

Fr. Brian will be out visiting our parishioners on **Thursday 2nd and Friday 10th October**. Chris Avino will make contact with the individuals closer to the time.



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: Angela Proctor (LD).

Anniversary: Testa. Carmela, Biancospino Olimpia, Biancospino Stefania, Margarete J. Barker, Vera Henry, Irene Gleave, Herbert Sandbach, Robert Makin, Anne Mears, Kathleen Hargreave.

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

Pilgrims of Hope Rosary

The Knights of St Columba will be holding the Rosary every Tuesday in October at 9.30 am in St Edward's Church. All parishioners are invited to come along and join us in prayer during the month of Our Lady.

Also during their Jubilee Year, the Knight's 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>

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!

Contact us for more details
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Christmas Fayre

Fr Brian apologises for mentioning this so early, but these events have to be planned a long time in advance. The date booked for this years Christmas Fayre is December 14th.

Play Group

The Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will resume again after the summer break. We start again on **Wednesday 17th September** from 9.30 am until 11.00 am

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **18th September** in St Edwards Parish Hall.

The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

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.

Apologies

The mass for St Joseph's school children took place in school last week because of the roadworks. Fr Brian hopes that this change did not catch anyone out and offers his apologies.

The Road

*The Road goes ever on and on,
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.*



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Rotas this weekend 13th & 14th September 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11 am:** B. Beardsworth

Rotas next weekend 21st & 22nd September 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: M. Davies **11am:** M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** B. Suddick