



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Priest Fr. Brian Kealey

"You cannot serve God and money"

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

21st September 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday			No Service
Tuesday			No Service
Wednesday			No Service
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.	Mass 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mass for next week 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 is still on his travels through the Yorkshire Dales. To follow his progress and view some of his photos visit the parish website Darwen Catholic Parishes and scroll down to the bottom of the home page 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.

Visit from the Columban Mission Society

This weekend the **20th and 21st 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.



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: .

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

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 24th 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 **26th 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.

Embracing the Journey

Life's road is winding, uncertain, and often strewn with challenges, yet its greatest lessons lie in the journey itself. By pressing forward, we discover resilience, hope, and growth, learning from every step and stumble. Each day offers a new horizon, an invitation to adapt, transform, and pursue meaning. To continue walking is to embrace change and possibility, refusing stagnation or regret. The road may be long, but every moment spent moving forward shapes our character and broadens our vision. In persistence, we find purpose—and in purpose, we find the strength to walk on.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 27th & 28th September 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11 am:** T. Kennedy