



“Send Lazarus for I am suffering”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

28th 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 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday		10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass Brian Smalley RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, coffee and cake and all documents pertaining to your Darwen identity.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Columban Mission

Many thanks to Fr Tom Ryan who gave the mission appeal last weekend. He very kindly commented on how the community was homely and welcoming. You are a great group of people with your own mission to bring hope to this part of the world.

October Coach Trip

This trip is only a week away on **Tuesday 7th October** leaving St Josephs at 9.00 am and then St Edwards (The Anchor) at 9.15 am, we will be returning from Liverpool at 5.00 pm. This is a great city centre with gallery's museum's, the docks, places to eat and shop Two Cathedrals, a tourist pop on drop off bus. A simple but great day out. There is still room so put your names down. The cost just £15.00 per person

If you wish to join us on this trip, please enter your name, contact details on the sheet at the back of both churches. Place into the basket an envelope marked Liverpool Trip, your name and money.

Fr Brian's Long Ramble

Thanks go to all who covered while Fr Brian was away walking up to Appleby. Thanks to those who made sure that all carried on wonderfully and to those who published the pictures of my journey.

There are many stories to tell of sunshine and rain. One event on the top of Whernside a young lad asked first if he could be excused from enquiring but "How old are you?"

Or the taxi driver who covers the area between Ingleborough and Whernside telling me of his weekend earner, and six spots that have a signal. Every Saturday of the season those with mobile phones, but no idea, ring for a lift back to their cars.

To view the photographs of the walking trip, 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.



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: Brian Smalley (LD)

Anniversary: Mary and Charlie Ryder, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Pauline Culshaw, Barry Mellor.

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=6QZXPuEovj4ZsXPuTU1Umpoglsfv.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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October Month of Mary

It is often forgotten or indeed ignored that it is a woman who has the greatest participation of those created in the mystery of salvation.

Becoming Catholic

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

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 **Sunday 14th December**.

Play Group

The Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will resume again after the summer break. We start again on **Wednesday 1st October** 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 **2nd October** 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.

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.



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Rotas this 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

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Readers Sat 6.15pm: A Morgan

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

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