



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"Anyone who does not renounce all  
cannot be my disciple"**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 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>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>		<b>Requiem Mass Angela Proctor</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea, coffee and cake and the planning of a major rowing challenge across the Leeds Liverpool canal. But we are not sure if there will be any sightings of Dolphins or Whales.
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15 a.m.		Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 a.m.		Opening Mass for School in Church
<b>Friday</b>		9.00 a.m.	Opening Mass for School in Church
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year C</b>

## Mission Appeal

On the weekend of **20/21st September** there will be an appeal on behalf of the St Columbian mission society given by Fr. Tom Ryan. All the collection from that weekend will go to the missions, so please make this man welcome and help the work.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Wishing Fr Brian a Safe Journey

Following Mass on **Sunday, 14th September**, Fr Brian will begin his walk to Appleby along the Dales High Way. All the congregation sends warm wishes for a safe and fulfilling journey, hoping he finds beauty, peace, and inspiration along the way. May his pilgrimage be blessed, and may he return with stories and renewed spirit.



## 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=6QZXNPuEovj4ZsXPuTU1Umpogslfv.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:** Tom Jack (LD), Kathleen Bohan (LD), Angela Proctor (LD).

**Anniversary:** Testa. Carmela, Biancospino Olimpia, Biancospino Stefania, Margarete J. Barker, Vera Henry, Irene Gleave.

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

### Visit from the Columban Mission Society

On the weekend of the **20th of September** Fr Brian will be walking the Dales Highway in the Yorkshire Dales. In his place celebrating mass will be Fr. Tom Ryan 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.



### 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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### 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 10th 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 **10th 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.

### 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.

### The Power of Helping each other

Helping each other strengthens communities and fosters kindness. When we offer support, whether through small gestures or significant actions, we build trust and understanding.

Each act of generosity creates a ripple effect, inspiring others to give and receive help, making the world a more compassionate, connected place for everyone.

### Rotas this weekend 6th & 7th 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

### Rotas next 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