

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



"Were not ten cleansed?"

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

12th October 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday		9.15 a.m.	Harvest Mass with the School Children
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	Harvest Mass with the School Children Eucharistic Service followed by Tea, coffee and a meeting of the committee set up to Darwen international fan club. With images of Darwen Tower, winberry picking competitions, and bets taken on when they will close the Market Hall.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday			No Service
Friday		10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass Josephine Duckworth LD
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Harvest Mass

This week, both of our schools will celebrate our annual Harvest Mass. It is truly heartening to witness the generosity and hard work of all involved. The contributions and efforts from students, staff, and families highlight the strong sense of community that we cherish. Thank you to everyone who helps make this celebration so special.



October Coach Trip

Well we have been and even returned. There may have been one or two hills, but we got out from the living room and explored for the day. Some visited the cathedrals, while others explored the Walker Art Gallery and still more went around the shops and cafes.

Next Spring we shall return to Chester if there can be a central dropping off place for the bus. The Romans have been, the railway got there in 1840 and now the people of Darwen are on their way.



Chair of Governors

Our thanks go to Bob Beardsworth who has served as Chair of St Edwards's school governors for many years and is finally handing over to a new generation. His work has born much fruit over many years and he will be blessed for his kindness.

October Month of Mary

In Lourdes, St Bernadette had a vision, and there has been expressions of kindness there ever since.



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), Brian Patten (LD), Josephine Duckworth (LD), Kevin Shaw (LD)

Anniversary: Barry Mellor, Clara Makin, Robert Makin, Thomas Dyer, De Falco Raffaele, Biancostino Olimpia, De Falco Michele, Musacchio Antonia, Vincent Capstick, Mary McHugh, Neil Christensen, Anne McIver, Susan Teresa Donnelly, Peter Dawson, Derek Walsh.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving for another year, Thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Parish Heating Upgrade

The central heating controls across the parish buildings are to have a major upgrade.

After the 25th October all the thermostats will be replaced with the latest smart thermostats.

This will involve some electrical wiring and then an extensive set up. There is a cost for these replacements but once complete it will ensure that the parish facilities remain warm and welcoming as we approach the winter.

Television

Thank you for the great response to the request for a TV. We met the need and also helped one or two others along the way.

Chosen

Who can do it?

You can do it

Why am I going to do it?

Because at this point you are there

How am I going to do it?

The best way you can

That is enough for now.

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>

Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming Roman Catholic or simply want to explore what is involved in the teaching of the church then you are invited to attend one hour sessions of information. These will be on consecutive Tuesdays beginning on **Tuesday 11th of November**, followed by the 18th and 25th, and in December on the 2nd 9th and 16th. All taking place in St Joseph's house and with a promise that they last precisely one hour.

Poetry Recital

Fr Brian will be performing his poems on **Wednesday 12th November at 7.00pm** in St Joseph's parish hall. A small booklet of a number of the poems will be on sale with proceeds going to CAFOD. The whole recital will take about one hour with tea and coffee available. Fr Brian admits a degree of nervousness in this matter but admits that some of the poems are quite good and relevant.

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 15th 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 **16th October** in St Edwards Parish Hall.

The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.



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Rotas this weekend 11th & 12th October 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft **11 am:** B. Bauer

Rotas next weekend 18th and 19th October 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** A. Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6. 15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am M. Worden **11am:** C. Avino