



“When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

19th 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea/coffee and cake and plans to follow the England football team to America for the World Cup next year.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		11.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass Stephen Miller (LD)
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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Harvest Mass

Thanks to our Schools, St Josephs, St Edwards and St Bede's who contributed to the food Larder in celebration of Harvest. Such blessings will be rewarded.



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 at 7.00pm**, 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.

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**.

October Month of Mary

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

Play Group

The Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will be shut on the **22nd and 29th of October**, but we will reopen again after this short break.

This is a great group and fully dependent upon volunteers.



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 Patten (LD), Josephine Duckworth (LD), Kevin Shaw(LD), Stephen Miller(LD)

Anniversary: Vincent Capstick, Mary McHugh, Neil Christensen, Anne McIver, Susan Teresa Donnelly, Peter Dawson, Derek Walsh, Betty Morrin.

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

We have arranged to hold weekly Thursday meetings; the next one is on the **23rd October** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous

We are hoping to introduce a new meeting on Friday evenings at St Josephs Hall. Say your prayers that it happens.

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.

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>

Repetition

Not particularly happy
Mood and body
Dimmed by choice or circumstance
I make warm tea
Sitting in silence
Aware
That all my life
Each event success failure
Has built up to this moment
And that it is from a moment
Such as this
That I shall step into eternity.

Powerless to change the past
Unaware of what fate holds
I attempt to accept forgiveness
And live in the presence

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.

Prayer 2

And so I sit among the saints
Attempting to listen.

The humility
of sanctity
allowing me
to be here
with the greatest
and the least.
To share in their care
to realise again
that I am loved
that I
am lovely.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 25th & 26th October 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. R. Gordon **11 am:** P. Corran