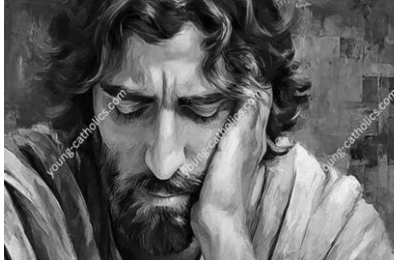


The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th October 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Did you get up too early by forgetting to turn your clock back one hour?

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea/coffee and cake and a round of drinks paid for by the over 80's. They need to spend the bonus from their pension having reached this age of wisdom and maturity.
Wednesday		11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Kevin Shaw (LD)
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 All Saints Year C

The Royal visit to Rome

May we work upon what we have in common and recognise the values in each other's traditions.

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

The date booked for this year's Christmas Fayre is **Sunday 14th December**.

Envelopes for month of November

A lovely exercise of the spirit and memory. On **Sunday 2nd November** there will be an empty basket at the front of the altar in which to place envelopes containing the names of those we have loved and gone before us.

At some point, sit quietly with pen and paper, name them, remember them. Then bring along your envelope and place in the basket. Note all shall be destroyed at the end of the month so do not put pictures of the King or Queen inside.

All Saints

Please be aware that this great feast is celebrated on **Sunday 2nd of November**. But add to the event. Go to the great voice Google and search for the saint who shares your name. Get children and grandchildren to do the same.



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: Josephine Duckworth (LD), Kevin Shaw (LD), Stephen Miller (LD), Sasha Derren.

Anniversary: Derek Walsh, Betty Morrin, Michael Smith, Leonetti Rosetta, Giuseppe Salerno,

Special Intentions: Thanksgiving for prayers answered, A special intention for a friend, A special intention for Andrew.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

The next meeting of this group is on Thursday the **30th 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.

October Month of Mary

Thanks to those who recited the rosary publicly this month upholding a valuable tradition.

Play Group

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

This is a great group and fully dependent upon volunteers.

Mass for the Holy Souls

A special Mass for the Holy Souls will be held on the eve of **Thursday, 13th November** at St Edwards Church, beginning at 19:00.

This traditional service, organised by the SVP, is dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of our dearly departed loved ones from our parish and families. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Come on Rovers

The success of our local football team means a lot, to a lot of people. So come on Rovers and get out of this mess.

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.

100 Years of Service

Next year 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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Mary

It is not for the achievement
but for the celebration

It is not for the prize
but for the participation

to share in the annunciation

"I have come that you may have life

And have it to the full"

Take courage

Say yes.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 1st & 2nd November 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** J. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** B. Beardsworth