

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“ Blessed are the poor in Spirit”

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All Saints Ordinary Time Year C

2nd November 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass All Saints 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 petition to parliament for an increase in Fr Brian's winter fuel allowance.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Remembrance Sunday Parade at St Joseph's

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 Collection

There has been reports on the radio concerning the financing of Hospice provision. It would seem that this has gone down as a result of the recent cost of living increases. It is suggested that half the Christmas Fayre and all the Christmas Mass collections should go to the local Hospice.

What do you think?
Please let Fr Brian know your thoughts.

Envelopes for month of November

A lovely exercise of the spirit and memory. This **Sunday 2nd November** there is 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**.

Christmas Fayre

The date booked for this year's Christmas Fayre is **Sunday 14th December** in St Edward's Church Hall. I am sure we will have a great day supporting our local charity.



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: Kevin Shaw (LD), Stephen Miller (LD), Sasha Derren (LD), Dorothy Roberts (LD).

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

Special Intentions: A special intention for a friend, A special intention for Andrew, A successful operation.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

The next meeting of this group is on Thursday the **6th November** 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 during October, upholding a valuable tradition.

Play Group

The Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will reopen on **Wednesday 5th November**, after our short break.

This is a great group and fully dependent upon volunteers.

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.

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.

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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November Fifth

The rattle of small arms
The crack and blast of artillery raids
All these with child like wonder we celebrate
And gaze in awe at the crescendo
of those destructive lanterns

A four hundred year old ritual
as winters bite makes festive
the burning pyre
The safe sacrifice superficial
The past transformed to fantasy

And lives here that do not see beyond
to desert cities scorched
with manufactured destruction
Creating terror
as these same pretty colours blaze

My God how I hate
The fanatic Guy Fawkes
And this foolish day.



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Rotas this weekend 1st and 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

Rotas next weekend 8th and 9th November 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11 am:** B. Suddick