



"If you had faith"

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

5th 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 27th 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 the naming of the next storm to hit Darwen instead of Amy. Suggestions include "Our Billy", "Flo", and the more formal "Awkward beggar".
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Tragedy

Crumpsall is very near to where Fr Brian lived as a child. He therefore wishes to express his sadness regarding the act of violence outside of the Synagogue on Thursday 2nd October.

Violence breeds violence. Let us all work together to break the silence.

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.

Columban Mission

Once again your generosity shows a beautiful expression of your faith. Fr Brian is to send a cheque of £920.00 to help with the work of this missionary order. A little bit of Darwen will be sent halfway across the world to share the love of Christ.

October Coach Trip

This trip is now next week on **Tuesday 7th October** leaving St Josephs at 9.00 am and then St Edwards (The Anchor) at 9.15 am, we will be returning from Liverpool at 5.00 pm. This is a great city centre with gallery's museum's, the docks, places to eat and shop Two Cathedrals, a tourist pop on drop off bus. A simple but great day out. There is still room so put your names down. The cost just £15.00 per person **There are still places if you are quick.**



October Month of Mary

Mary is not often mentioned in the Gospel but she plays an important and profound place in our faith and our day to day life.



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)

Anniversary: Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Pauline Culshaw, Barry Mellor, Clara Makin, Robert Makin, Thomas Dyer, De Falco Raffaele, Biancostino Olimpia, De Falco Michele, Musacchio Antonia.

Special Intentions: For a sick friend, Thanksgiving for another year.

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>

The SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) provides practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing poverty. Their work includes offering food, clothing, financial support, advocacy, and friendship. SVP aims to alleviate hardship, promote dignity, and help people regain independence through compassionate, confidential, and community-based initiatives in your community.

We need your help.

Do you have any spare time that you can donate to us? Speak to Maggie or Chris Avino about how you can help.

Television

Does anyone have a TV that they can give to a family that are without what seems this essential facility. Please see Fr Brian who would be quite happy to pick it up.

Home Visits

Fr. Brian will be out visiting our parishioners on **Friday 10th October**. Chris Avino will make contact with the individuals closer to the time.



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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** 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 8th 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 **9th October** in St Edwards Parish Hall.

The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Rotas this weekend 4th and 5th October 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am M. Alvarez **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Rotas next 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