

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



**"By your endurance you will gain
your lives"**

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th 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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Monday	9.00 a.m.		School Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea/coffee and cake preparation of a plan to sue the BBC for poor coverage of the North West of England for seven billion dollars. Requiem Mass Georgio Lagano (LD)
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		1.45 p.m.	Requiem Mass James Currie (LD)
Friday		10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass Jean Nield (LD)
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass
			Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass Christ the King Ordinary Time Year C

Envelopes for month of November

A lovely exercise of the spirit and memory. During **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. Sit quietly with a pen and paper, name them, remember them. Then bring along your envelope and place it in the basket. Note all shall be destroyed at the end of the month.

Remembrance Sunday

Thanks to St Edward's Scout Group, Bold Venture Park Scout Group and the Darwen District Explorer Unit for their input and presence during Remembrance Sunday across the Parish. Thanks also go to all youth groups who participated so respectfully over this period.

Advent Booklet

Please feel free to take a copy of the small booklet for Advent entitled Walk with Me. These are available at the back of both our churches.

Christmas Fayre

The date booked for this year's Christmas Fayre is **Sunday 14th December** in St Edward's Church Hall. Please put the date in your diary. Half the Christmas Fayre and the whole Christmas mass collections will go to our local hospice.
Ps A secret delegation has been to Lapland.

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. The second of these sessions is on **Tuesday 18th of November at 7.00pm**, followed by the 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.



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: Dorothy Roberts (LD), Peter Bolan (LD), David Fomekong (LD).

Anniversary: Alice Sandbach, Pasquale and Delia Pietrosanto, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox (nee Kerrane), Josephine Smith, Trent Duffy, Margaret Fajkis, Frank Fajkis, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Helan Smith, John Morrin, Peter Summerfield, Catherine Culshaw,

Special Intentions: The early and complete recovery of Judith, The Hackett Family.

Mass for the Holy Souls

This tradition was upheld last Thursday at St Edwards Church and organised by the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. It was a gentle lovely service followed by tea coffee and cake. A dark night but the light of faith.

A thank you goes to all those involved in making this event a reflective occasion.

Poetry Recital

Thanks go to all who turned up to hear Fr Brian on last Wednesday night. Copies of a selection of the Fr Brian's poems are now available from the back of Church at a charge of £3.00.

All monies raised will be donated to CAFOD.

CAFOD Collection

A representative of CAFOD for Salford Diocese attended the poetry recital given by Fr Brian. This kind gentleman informed those present that in the last five years our community had donated £53,784 in collections and £25,783 in direct debits for the work of the organisation. You can be proud of the efforts made. You have saved lives.

Play Group

The next Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will be on **Wednesday 19th November**.

St Peters Church Event

The Eden Singers are performing a new, wonderful, modern musical adaptation of the Christmas story. This takes place at St Peters Church, Bank St on **Friday 28th November** at 7.00pm. The ticket cost is only £7.00 and are available from Alison 07540 792409

Christmas Fayre Meeting

The Christmas Fayre is to take place on **Sunday 14th December**. We shall meet and plan stalls etc. on **Wednesday 26th November** at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's Church meeting room to make plans. This is an invitation for all those people who wish to be involved in organising a stall and to help with the planning of this event to attend with ideas and enthusiasm.

Perhaps this is the point when the appeal for bottles, and items for tombola, and cake commitments should be made.

Reverse Advent Calander

The Knights of St Columba are once again asking for the parish to participate in the Reverse Advent Calander in support of the food bank. This is to help those less fortunate than ourselves at this Christmas time. A donation of food or toiletries will make a big difference.

Your Parish

The Sacred Heart Parish community stands out for its warm welcome, inclusive spirit, and dedication to helping others. A range of inclusive activities, heartfelt worship, and strong support networks bring people together This helps foster a real sense of belonging. Empathy and commitment truly make a stronger community.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

The next meeting of this group is on **Thursday the 20th November** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.



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Rotas this weekend 15th & 16th November 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** J. Ainsworth

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

Sun 9 am S. McMillan **11am:** T. Kennedy

Rotas next weekend 23 & 23rd November 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Davies **11am:** A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

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