



“Lord remember me when you come
into your kingdom”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Christ the King Ordinary Time Year C

23rd 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 Christ the King Year C
Monday	10.30 a.m.		Requiem Mass Ronnie Pattinson (LD)
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	School Mass St Joseph's School Eucharistic Service followed by tea/coffee and cake and discussions regarding the construction of a luxury igloo in the grounds of the church.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday			No Service
Friday		10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass Christopher Quinn (LD)
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 1st Sunday of Advent 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.

Next bring along your envelope and place it in the basket. Note all shall be destroyed at the end of the month.

Apology

What with funerals and other obligations Fr Brian feels that he is neglecting the Tuesday mass at St Edwards. This is a very valuable gathering of the parish. He hopes that these faithful people can be patient, as they serve Christ so well by their witness.

First Sunday of Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is next Sunday. So, a suggested small discipline for the week is to get a small note book or just a piece of paper and write down the seven days of the week. Then write down in sequence of days: Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Partner, Daughter, Son.

Then beside the name on each of the days note down three characteristics. If any of these roles is missing from your family add someone who is close to you.

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.



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: Peter Bolan (LD), David Fomekong (LD), Ronnie Pattinson(LD),Stephen Miller(LD). Christopher Quinn (LD)

Anniversary: Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Helen Smith, John Morrin, Peter Summerfield, Catherine Culshaw, Garry Francis, Esther McIntyre, Charles McIntyre, Mary Ryder, John Howard, Salvatore Turco, Giovanni Turco, Derek Walsh.

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

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.

Christmas Meal

The S.V.P. are hosting their annual Christmas meal for the elderly of the parish on **Saturday 20th of December**. If you do not receive an invitation, please feel free to enter your name on the lists at the back of each church. Names needed by the 14th December for catering requirements.

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.

Poetry pamphlet

A selection of Fr Brian's poems are available from the repository stall at both churches. The cost only £3.00 for 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.

Christmas Fayre Meeting

We shall meet and plan stalls etc. on **Wednesday 26th November** at 7.00 pm at St Joseph's Church meeting room. 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, items for tombola, and cake baking commitments should be made.

Play Group

The next Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will be on **Wednesday 26th November**.

Artificial intelligence

Fr Brian would like all to know that he does not use artificial intelligence. He uses no form of intelligence at all.

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.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

The next meeting of this group is on **Thursday the 27th 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 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

Rotas next weekend 29th & 30th November 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6. 15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am S. Aldcroft 11am: M. Bauer