



“Stay awake so that you may be ready”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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1 st Sunday of Advent Year A				30 th November 2025	
St Edward's					
St Joseph's					
*** Please note There will be no Mass on Saturday morning at 9.15 a.m. ***					
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass		
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 1 st Sunday of Advent Year A Mass		
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass		
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea/coffee and an analysis of our shares on the stock exchange. The beauty being is that our level of investment will not be radically affected by the recent budget.		
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.		Mass will take place in St Joseph's School		
Thursday		9.00 a.m.	School Mass at St Edward's		
Friday		11.15 a.m.	Requiem Mass Anne Crudge(LD)		
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass		
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 2 nd Sunday of Advent Year A		

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.

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.

First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent So, a suggested small discipline for the week will be to get a small note book or just a piece of paper and write down the seven days of the week. Then write down against this 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.

Christmas Fayre

The ever popular Chocolate Tombola will again be at the fayre, your donations of chocolate in any form will be very much appreciated. We need chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!!



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), Anne Crudge (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 Half the Christmas Fayre and the whole Christmas mass collections will go to our local hospice.

School Mass

As a result of the proliferation of bad news on social media, (Killings take place in California) we are obliged to lock our church in Lancashire) Those mentally unwell may get ideas of copycat horror. We will therefore during a school mass the doors will be locked.

Children go to see Scrooge

The top class of both our schools will be going to the Bolton Octagon to see Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol.

Gutters Cleaning

Using a massive machine we have had the gutters at St Josephs cleaned and roof inspected with minor repairs carried out.

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.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

The next meeting of this group is on **Thursday the 4th December** in St Edwards Parish Hall. The meetings will run from 7.00 pm until 8.15 pm.

Play Group

The next Play Group held in St Edward's Church Hall will be on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The group will be closed on the 10th December and open again on the 17th December.

Envelopes for Remembrance

Thank you to all those who have placed the names of loved ones and have gone before them. This is a lovely tradition

Christmas Posters

This Sunday, the Knights of St Columba will be handing out after mass "Keep Christ in Christmas" Posters at the back of St Joseph's Church. The posters are free, but any small donation towards the Knights national Charity appeal will be gratefully received.

Please look out for the Bookmarks in the Hymn books These are to celebrate 100 years of the Darwen Council of the Knights of St Columba serving the Parish. Please feel free to take one home with you.

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 next of these sessions is on **Tuesday 2nd December at 7.00pm**, followed by 9th and 18th December.

All taking place in St Joseph's house and with a promise that they last precisely one hour.

Red Boxes

The Mill Hill Missionaries Christmas calendars have arrived. So these will be distributed over the next few weeks and collecting the money from your boxes. Thanks for all your support for this very worthy cause over the last 12 months. Maggie and Sarah.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 6th & 7th December 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

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