

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“Jesus was born of Mary”

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4th Sunday of Advent Year A

21st December 2025

St Edward's

St Joseph's

If you can help Fr. Brian as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please come forward

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	4th Sunday of Advent Year A Mass
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea/coffee and the mad rush to the supermarket to push others out of the way, buy more bread than we need, be rude to the assistant, and get four bags of sprouts.
Wednesday Christmas Eve	9.15 a.m. Midnight	6.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass with Carols Midnight Mass
Thursday Christmas Day	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday Boxing Day	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday		9.15a.m.	Mass No Vigil Service at St Joseph's
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass The Holy Family Year A

Services for Week Commencing Monday 29th December 2025

Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and a discussion on the New Years Resolutions made.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday Happy New Year		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 2nd Sunday of Christmas Year A

**A Very Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year to
all the congregation of the Sacred Heart of Darwen.**

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: Eileen Woodman (LD), Christopher Quinn (LD)

Anniversary: Brian Christopher Walsh, Christopher Burke With Love, Ellen Shuttleworth, Annie Doyle, Esther McIntyre, Peter Summerfield, Barbara Timms, Kathlene Balwin,

Special Intention: Thanksgiving for Blessing received

Christmas Special Intentions: Peter Bolan, Eileen Entwistle, Gordon Waddicor, The Hackett Family, Frank Helliwell, Annie Doyle, Bernard Healy, Conlon Family, Durkin Family, Wickers Family, Ellen Shuttleworth, Catherine Louise Haworth, Tom and Lilian Gillett, John and Mary Howard, Robert Large, George and Annie Hackett, Terence Taylor, The Howard Family, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox nee Kerrane, Josephine Ann Smith, Trent Duffy, Joe and Esther Holden,

Christmas Fayre

This year again the Christmas Fayre was a wonderful community celebration. Thanks go to all who made such an effort to make it all work. From the cakes that were baked to the presentation of Fr Christmas. From the bottle stall to the tombola. The Scouts, the tons of toys from our schools. That fantastic café providing a place of comfort in the fuss.

You raised in terms of money £1,528.68p. Half of which will go to the Hospice in our area. So very well done. Thanks be to God.

Christmas Meal

On Saturday 20th of December, the S.V.P. hosted their annual Christmas meal for the elderly of the parish. Thanks to everyone involved who made the occasion a great success.

Christmas Mass Collections

Now is the time to nag your relatives. The whole of the Christmas mass collections will be going to the Hospice. So if they want to express an act of charity for a good cause this Christmas they can give the money to you and you put it in the basket.

Food Larder

We have again distributed Christmas gifts to families, and given small yuletide parcels to the residents of St James Street.

Becoming a Catholic

After this year's set of courses Fr Brian is committing to giving three talks on our faith throughout the coming year. What do you want to learn about? Please let him know.

Final week of Advent

Monday What was the luckiest thing that ever happened to you?

Tuesday What gift if free from all restrictions would you give yourself?

Wednesday Who outside the family gave you a sense of dignity?

Offertory Envelopes

There are still Offertory Envelope ready for collection and available for you to pick up from the back of Church. Speak to Maggie. Thank you if you have signed up for a gift aid donation as this helps bring in extra money without any additional cost to yourself.

Our Schools

St Bede's

During the last week of school there was a mass for the staff of St Bede's and services for each year of the students. Great respect was expressed by the pupils, and we are very grateful to all staff.

Then there are our two Junior Schools, **St Edward's** and **St Joseph's**. These are both wonderful schools, with exceptional staff and amazing places of learning and great joy.

Christmas Tree

There are gift tags at the back of church upon which you may write your intentions or the names of those you love. We will then decorate the Christmas trees. A tree decorated with love and prayer.



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Rotas this weekend 20th & 21st December 2025

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11 am:** B. Beardsworth

Rotas next weekend 27 & 28th December 2025

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** A. Frangleton

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

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