



**“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased”**

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The Baptism of the Lord Year A

11th January 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	The Baptism of the Lord Year A
Monday		10.45 a.m.	Requiem Mass Jean (Margarita) Hughes (LD)
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a discussion on the possibility of invading Tockholes and bringing the landlord of The Royal Arms into custody. Then making claims on York Minster based upon historical precedent making the Catholic Church in Darwen great again.
Wednesday			No Service Fr Brian is going to the Zoo with St Joseph's school.
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 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

An Apology

Last Tuesday morning (Feast of the Epiphany) mass for the children took place in St Joseph's school. This was always the arrangement, but Fr Brian forgot and advertised the event for the church. If you did turn up and found the Church locked SORRY.

Sacramental Programme

The meetings for parents of children taking part in this year's sacramental programme will take place at St Edwards Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th January at 2.15 pm and Wednesday 14th January at 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Please come along to feel welcome, be issued with dates and general information.

Great News

You are a wonderful community who see beyond your immediate needs. Thus, from the Christmas Fayre and Christmas collections we are in a position to give a cheque for £3573.00 to the East Lancashire Hospice.

So many blessings will come as a result of your generosity.

Spring Coach Trip

Where are we going for the Spring trip?
Suggestions for a day trip out are still welcome.

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: Pat Beverley (LD), Jean (Margarita) Hughes (LD), Michael Swinburne (LD).

Anniversary: Barbara Timms, Kathlene Balwin, Agnes Cabbage, Wilfred Cabbage.

Special Intention:

The Great Easter Egg Challenge

Last weekend saw 3 Easter eggs arrive in chapel. The next competition is the first sight of Christmas materials in the supermarket after March. Keep your eyes open and report back.

A Heartfelt Thanks

Fr Brian gives a heartfelt thank you and sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who played a part in making the Churches so beautiful. A special thanks to those who took the time to read, those whose voices uplifted us in song, and to everyone who managed the Elf. Your contributions, big and small, have made a tremendous difference.

A thank you to all, from the bottom of his heart.

New Year Resolutions

The New Year symbolises new beginnings. How are yours going. The sink is still clear. Plus congratulations to all having a dry January, keep up the good work.

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.

DANCE

God writes the music
and invites me
to enter the dance.
Steps wild or timid
created
by choice and chance
within the consecrated melody.

God writes the music

and invites,

me

to enter

the dance.

Dangerous Animal

There is a zoo which has one exhibit labelled
"The Most dangerous animal on the planet"
As you look into the enclosure to see that animal,
you see yourself.

For what is in the enclosure is a mirror, and the
most dangerous animal is humanity.

Human beings are a danger to the world and to
themselves.



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Rotas next weekend 10th and 11th January 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am M. Alvarez **11am:** T. Kennedy

Rotas this weekend 17th and 18th January 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft **11 am:** J. Ainsworth