



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"Behold the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world"**

Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

18th 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.	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a discussion on the reform of the Tuesday gatherings and the possible defection to another version of the same thing.
Wednesday	12.00 noon		Requiem Mass Louis McCann (LD)
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday is 18th February. Holy week begins on Sunday 29th March and continues to Easter Sunday 5th April.
So get your priorities sorted and find those Easter Eggs.

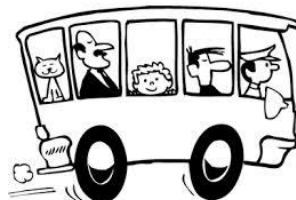
100 Years of Service

On the **4th of July 2026** the Knights of St. Columba Council 149 Darwen will have been serving the Darwen Catholic community for 100 years. Members of the Knights seek to support the mission of the Roman Catholic Church and at the same time work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of its members and their families.

If you require more information please contact Mike Lomax Email: pgk_province21@ksc.org.uk
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Spring Coach Trip

Some have said Paris, others New York, but it might just be Accrington. Who knows? But come forward with suggestions of places and dates and it will get booked and give us all something to look forward to.



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

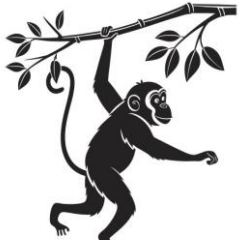
Lately Dead: Pat Beverley (LD), Jean (Margarita) Hughes (LD), Michael Swinburne (LD), Frank McGuire (LD), Louis McCann (LD), Yvonne Hctor (LD), Beatrice Warmesley (LD)

Anniversary: Barbara Timms, Kathlene Balwin, Agnes Cabbage, Wilfred Cabbage, Tiana Thompson, John Walsh. Mary Scott, James Culshaw, Josef Bauer.

Special Intention:

St Joseph's School Zoo Trip

A great time had by all. We fed no children to the tiger but returned with quite a few little monkeys. There again we left with quite a few little monkeys. Thanks to all the staff involved in making the day memorable.



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.

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.

Don't forget you can always begin again.

Thought for the Week

This week, take a moment to appreciate the small victories, for they often pave the way to greater achievements.

How in times past

I wasted energy

On useless anxiety

And now approaching

Sixty SIX (seven)

Would cash in that

Strength

To celebrate

The gifts

Of what matters

Community Harmony

What small difference can I make?

To help promote community harmony, you can volunteer your time, listen to your neighbours, and participate in local events.

Supporting local initiatives and respecting cultural differences can make a big difference. Small acts of kindness, such as helping those in need or resolving conflicts peacefully, also contribute greatly to building a more united and harmonious community atmosphere.



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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

Rotas next weekend 24th and 25th January 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** C. Avino

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

Sun 9 am M. Worden **11am:** M. Bauer