



**"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"**

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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.	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and discussion upon the banning of social media for those above pension age, with the confusion of scrolling, from an unstable platform, tick tocking along without a clock or clue as to what is going on.
Wednesday			No Service
Thursday			No Service
Friday			No Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	<b>Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>

## Missing Priest

Next week Fr Brian is off on his travels, he may bring you back a stick if rock.

## Dates for your diary

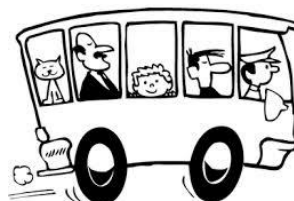
Ash Wednesday is 18<sup>th</sup> February. So Easter is early this year. Holy week begins on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March and continues to Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. So get your priorities sorted and find those Easter Eggs.

## East Lancs Hospice

On Tuesday morning Rean Knowles and Anne Atkinson travelled up to the East Lancashire Hospice and presented a cheque for £3573.00 on behalf of the parish. Thanks again to all concerned who gave so generously.

## Spring Coach Trip

We have decided on the destination and gone for a date when we can expect better weather. The date is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of April** and the destination the City of Chester. We will be picked up from Darwen about 9.00am and leave at about 5.00pm from the Roman Amphitheatre . It is quite a time off but think about it and jot it in your diary.



**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

**Latently Dead:** Michael Swinburne (LD), Frank McGuire (LD), Louis McCann (LD), Yvonne Hctor (LD), Beatrice Warmesley (LD), Mary Forkin (LD)

**Anniversary:** Tiana Thompson, John Walsh. Mary Scott, James Culshaw, Josef Bauer, Peter Thomas Walsh, Angelo Avino.

**Special Intention:** The Family RIP

### SVP Meeting

The next SVP meeting will be on **Monday 26th January** at St Edwards Church Hall at 7pm.

### Gift Aid Envelopes

All of the new 2026 Gift Aid/Offertory envelopes have now been distributed.

If anyone has any questions, please contact either Glenda or Maggie.

### 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](mailto:pgk_province21@ksc.org.uk)  
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### 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.

### Thought for the Week

Making a friend takes a moment,  
being a friend takes a lifetime.

### A Class on Scripture

Fr Brian will be giving an hour's class on the Bible on **Tuesday 10th of March** at St Edwards Parish Hall. This will be a fairly casual affair, and will involve history and prayer. If the last time you had a class on your faith was when you were at school, why not give it a try.

### Sacramental Programme

This weekend our children on the Sacramental Programme will make their commitment and begin this year's sacramental programme. Thanks go to our school and all that make this possible.  
Then on **Wednesday 4th and Thursday the 5th of February** they will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time.

### Building a positive future

Tolerance and understanding are vital for building supportive communities and fostering positive relationships. By practising tolerance, we learn to accept differences—be they cultural, religious, or personal—without prejudice. Understanding allows us to empathise with others, broadening our perspective and reducing conflict.

In an increasingly diverse society, these qualities help bridge divides, encourage respectful dialogue, and promote social cohesion. When individuals value tolerance and understanding, they create environments where everyone feels respected and included. Ultimately, these virtues are the foundation of a peaceful, progressive society, enabling people to work together despite differences and build a better future for all.



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### Rotas this weekend 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### Rotas next weekend 31<sup>st</sup> Jan & 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026

**Readers Sat: 6.15 pm:** A. Morgan

**Sun 9 am:** M. Davies **11am:** J. Ainsworth

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P.** Wardle

**Sun 9 am:** M. R. Gordon **11 am:** C. Avino