



“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

St Edward's

St Joseph's

25th January 2026

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.	Mass 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Missing Priest

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

Dates for your diary

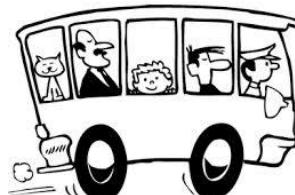
Ash Wednesday is 18th February. So Easter is early this year. Holy week begins on Sunday 29th March and continues to Easter Sunday 5th April. So get your priorities sorted and find those Easter Eggs.

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 30th 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

Lately Dead: Michael Swinburne (LD), Frank McGuire (LD), Louis McCann (LD),

Yvonne Hoctor (LD), Beatrice Warmsley (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 Mobile No: 07946476688

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.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 31st Jan & 1st 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