



“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

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2nd Sunday of Christmas Year A

4th January 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	7.00 p.m.	School Mass Feast of the Epiphany Mass Feast of the Epiphany
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday		9.00 a.m.	School Mass Epiphany
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass The Baptism of the Lord Year A

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the congregation of the Sacred Heart of Darwen.

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.

Epiphany

The Bishops of England and Wales have returned the Feast of the Epiphany from the nearest Sunday to the original date which is on Tuesday 6th January.

It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

Hospital Call

Fr Brian is on Hospital cover during the period Thursday to Saturday.

This is one of the silent duties that a parish priest undertakes, a vital service for patients in hospital.

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.

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: Eileen Woodman (LD), Christopher Quinn (LD), Pat Beverley (LD), Margarita Hughes (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 and New Year 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, Joseph and Margaret Smith, Brian Entwistle, The Waddington Family, The Byrne Family. The Taylor Family, The Entwistle Family, Peter Summerfield, Barbara Timms, Anne and Tom McIver, The McIver Family, The Pattinson Family, The Holden Family, The Huskwit Family, Frank Davis, James Culshaw, Peter Munro Scott, The Scott Family, Blanche Elizabeth & Harry Grime.

The Great Easter Egg Challenge

We have a winner. A proper Cadbury boxed chocolate egg was spotted on Monday last at the MS/WH Smith shop at the Royal Blackburn Hospital.

Photo evidence is available, but the egg lacks the traditional ingredient of chocolate.

Offertory Envelopes

There are still Offertory Envelope ready for collection and available for you to pick up from the back of Church. 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.

Food Larder

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

New Year Resolutions

The New Year symbolises new beginnings. By making resolutions, we give ourselves a clear sense of direction and motivation. It's not just about self-improvement—resolutions encourage mindfulness, helping us to focus on what truly matters in our lives.

At the time of writing Fr Brian's sink is clear. Are you sticking to your resolutions?

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 Trees

The East Lancashire Hospice are providing a service of used Christmas tree collection from the 9th to the 11th of January. Book on line and for a small donation that problem is solved.



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.



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Rotas this weekend 3rd and 4th January 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11 am:** B. Suddick

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