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**"I have not come to abolish the Law,
but to fulfil them"**

Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

15th February 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.	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee and cakes and calls for the resignation of anyone who has taken any level of responsibility, for anything, and has ever made a mistake.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	7.00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Masses
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 1 st Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time Year A

Lent means soup

Mass on Tuesdays in Lent will be held at St Edwards at 11.30 am, The Mass will be followed by soup in the Parish Hall. This is the annual traditional penance and fund raiser. All parishioners are encouraged to participate.

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.

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.

Spring Coach Trip

The date for this years Spring Coach Trip is **Thursday 30th of April** and our destination is the wonderful City of Chester. The price will be £15. 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. There is now a list at the back of Church upon which you could please add your names and help with the planning.



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: Eugene Jordan (LD), June McKay (LD),

Anniversary: Janie Hackett, Winifred Boland, Peggy Read, Paul John Davies, Jim Dawson, Russell Cowell (Birthday Anniversary), Mary Scott, Colin Charnock, Josephine Anne Smith, Andrea Lawless,

Special Intention: For a dear friend awaiting medical test results,

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

These are now back on in St Joseph's Hall each Friday with a 7.00pm start. This group is extremely welcome and have an Open Meeting on the first Friday every month for family, friends or professionals. All other Friday meetings are closed meetings for those with a drinking problem who want to stop. Contact 07963795427 or 07990598651.

Play Group

The Play Group that run on Wednesdays will shut next week for half term. Then after the half term break they will meet only once a month. The March group will be on 25th of the month and will be open between 9.30-11am.

A Spectacular Reader

Thanks go to Kasper Walsh from year 6 at St Joseph's who read so very well at mass last week. For such a young man to express such dignity gives strength to all.

Ash Wednesday

What are you doing for lent?
Give up Booze. A walk a day. Read a book of reasonable quality, An hour without TV. A diary of events of the day. A piece of fruit a day. Give up chocolate. No sugar in tea. Contact by phone a different member of your family each week. Half an hour's silent prayer. Read a poem a day. Walk to the supermarket. ANYTHING

Thought for the Week

Your thoughts are how you choose your life.

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.

Funeral Fees

It is worth observing that funerals are generally expensive. Families pay and feel uncomfortable about questioning the service or the price. Respect and dignity need to be celebrated. However, there is no harm in ensuring that the service received reflects the price, and that all is treated with dignity.

PRAYER

Dashing around the edge
Working about the periphery
Avoiding the next step
Into silence
Into eternity

The Rovers Job

There are so many experts but so few points. Your prayers are asked, not just for the team but for all those who go and pray for a goal.

Why is Ash Wednesday Important?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in the Christian calendar. It is observed by receiving ashes on the forehead, symbolising repentance and mortality. Traditionally, it serves as a period of reflection, prayer, and fasting, preparing believers for Easter.



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Rotas this weekend 14th & 15th February 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11 am:** B. Beardsworth

Rotas next weekend 21st & 22nd February 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11am:** B. Beardsworth

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

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