

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



“His face shone like the sun”

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Second Sunday of Lent Ordinary Time Year A

1st March 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 of Lent in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	10.15 a.m.		Requiem Mass Angelo Carnovale
Tuesday		11.30 a.m.	Mass followed by a Lenten Lunch of soup and bread in the Hall and the planning of a hike up to Darwen Tower.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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 of Lent in Ordinary Time Year A

Turin Shroud

There is to be a copy of the Turin Shroud on display at Blackburn Cathedral from the **23rd of March until the 12th of April**. This forms part of an exhibition detailing the history and research associated with the famous shroud.

The Turin Shroud is a centuries-old linen cloth bearing the faint image of a man, believed to be Jesus.

Spring Coach Trip

The date for this year's 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.

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.

Reconciliation Service

On Tuesday 24th March (the week before holy week) WE hope to have a reconciliation service in St Joseph's Church involving a number of priests. This will include personal confession.

What are you doing for Lent?

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: June McKay (LD), Ron Thompson (LD), Ilda Ricioppo (LD), Patricia Hilton (LD), Joanne Rigby (LD), Beryl Crabtree (LD)

Anniversary: Russell Cowell (Birthday Anniversary), Mary Scott, Colin Charnock, Josephine Anne Smith, Andrea Lawless, Bill Clarkson, Annie Conlon, Mary Knowles, Joan Wright on her 100th Birthday anniversary

Special Intention: For successful medical test results. Restoration to good health for a family.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

This group are now back on in St Joseph's Hall each Friday with a 7.00pm start. The group is extremely welcoming 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 at St Edwards will only meet once a month. The next play group will be on 25th of March and will be open between 9.30-11am.

St Edwards Hall

We have painted and tidied the Hall to keep it presentable.

Palm Sunday

This is not so far away (29th March) So with beautiful Spring weather we shall again process with the cross to Darwen Tower.

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 of the Week

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

A Talk on the Scriptures

There is a change of location for this hour long talk on scripture given by Fr Brian. It will now be held at **St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 10th March at 7.00pm.**

If the numbers allow then we shall gather in the room beside the sacristy. If hundreds arrive then we will retire to the church. The promise remains that it will not go over the hour.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

This group meets in St Edwards Parish Hall on a Thursday evening and are most welcome. Let us pray that groups such as this support each other. May they also spread the word about the ways out of dependency.

The Eyes of God

To see the eyes of God
Looking back at me
Is to see
What can be seen
in this reflection

To gaze with love
And wonder
That what
Seems
Is
And is
Beautiful



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Rotas this weekend 28th Feb & 1st March 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11 am:** T. Kennedy

Rotas next weekend 7th and 8th March 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am S. Aldcroft **11am:** J. Ainsworth