



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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“The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ”

**Palm Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**St Edward's**

**St Joseph's**

**DID YOU ADJUST YOUR CLOCK FORWARD?**

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| Saturday  | 6.15 p.m.         | 9.15 a.m.  | Mass<br>Vigil Mass   |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.         | 11.00 a.m. | Palm Sunday Ordinary Time in Year A  |
| Monday    | 9.15 a.m.         |            | Mass   |
| Tuesday   |                   | 11.30 a.m. | Mass followed by a Lenten Lunch of soup and bread and the assessment of our Premium Bond winnings, plus a memory of those who have taken it with them. |
| Wednesday | <b>11.00 a.m.</b> |            | <b>Requiem Mass Malcolm Crook RIP</b>  |
| Thursday  | 7.00 p.m.         |            | Mass followed by Adoration until Midnight  |
| Friday    | 12.00 Noon        | 3.00 p.m.  | Stations of the Cross<br>Celebration of the Passion  |
| Saturday  | 6.15 p.m.         |            | No Mass<br>Easter Vigil Mass   |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.         | 11.00 a.m. | <b>Easter Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A</b>  |

### Palm Sunday Walk of Witness

This **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** we shall follow our tradition and process with the cross up to Darwen Tower. We will be setting off from the Green near Darwen Leisure Centre BB3 1PW at 2.00pm. This is a great annual event led by our scouting community, so if you can, please join us.

### Reconciliation Service

The reconciliation service was a huge success, and thanks must go to Fr Jude retired, Fr Morrough from Albans and Fr Theo from St Mary's Burnley, for coming out on such an awful night. Thanks also go to the congregation for braving the weather. Personally, I blame the government.

### Last Drop of Soup

This Tuesday will be the final soup and bread gathering for this year. Thanks must go to all who made so much effort to make this a great witness and social event. This whole period has been wonderful and the funds raised will go to great causes.

### Spring Coach Trip

The date for this year's Spring Coach Trip is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The coach is now almost full.

### Turin Shroud

There is to be a copy of the Turin Shroud on display at Blackburn Cathedral from the **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of April.**

This is a reminder to **please pay for the trip** in full by placing your money in an envelope, marked with your name and "Chester Trip" and then hand it to Fr. Brian or place within the offertory basket.

**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:** Elizabeth Stuffins nee Betty Stokes (LD), Malcolm Crook (LD)

**Anniversary:** Tiana Thompson, Tom McIver, Louis Sudall, Bill Read, Stuart Brindle, Jimmy Mullaney, Brian Christopher Walsh, Frances Margaret Cox, Eileen Roberts God bless my love.

**Special Intention:** Mass for a sick person. Mass for prayers answered.

### Summer Chester Zoo Trip

This heavily sponsored family trip to the zoo will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**. The price is £5.00 for a child (15 years or below) and £7.00 for an adult. To book places put the total fee in an envelope and write the name of the family, the number of children, the number of adults and a telephone contact number and put through either church door. There are limited numbers so get booked as soon as you can and book time off work.

### Red Boxes

It is that time again folks!

You should now have had your magazine and if you need your box emptying, please phone Maggie or Sarah.

Thank you for your support.



### Mill Hill Missionaries

### Holiday Time

Fr Brian will soon be going on his travels again. So will need your support in the Eucharist services during the week, and support for the visiting priests at the weekend.

### St Bede's High School

Last week Fr Brian celebrated mass for the staff of St Bede's and Lenten services for the whole of the pupil community. These students used the occasion to raise funds for CAFOD and school charities.

### A Musical Afternoon- advance notice

The Knights of St. Columba are organising a musical afternoon with Reece Thomas playing the guitar and singing hits from across the decades.

This event will be taking place on **Sunday 3rd of May** at St Edward's Parish Hall from 1.30 pm. Tickets £7.00

### 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.

### 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 a **Wednesday in April Date to be confirmed** and will be open between 9.30-11am.

### Thought of the Week

Your thoughts are how you choose your life.

### Daily News

Try and watch the news twice a day. Do not to get dragged into the neurosis of 24-hour coverage of something you can do little or nothing about.



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### Rotas this weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

**Sun 9 am:** F. Davis **11am:** J. Walsh

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

**Sun 9 am:** G. Brindle **11 am:** P. Corran

### Rotas next weekend 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Readers Sat 6.15pm:** L. Atherton

**Sun 9 am:** M. Davies **11am:** C. Avino

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat:6. 15pm:** P. Ainscough

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