



“Eight day later Jesus came”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

12th April 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 Easter Divine Mercy Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		No Service
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and preparation of speeches for council elections. A challenge to produce as many words as possible, without saying anything.
Wednesday			No Service
Thursday			No Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		No morning Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter in Ordinary Time Year A

Future Collection

As many of you will have realised the Arab Christians throughout the Holy Land are suffering badly because of the present situation. The region is very dependent upon tourism and is continually threatened by constant violence.

These innocent victims need our support so the weekend collection for the 9th May will be sent to the Roman Catholic Church for the area which will go to support these poor people.

Easter celebrations and Decorations

Thanks to all those in our community who contributed to the Easter events and the presentation of both of our Church's. Beautiful.

Holiday Time

Fr Brian is on holiday. So your support for the Eucharist services during the week and for the visiting priests is much appreciated.

Lenten Soup

As well as being a great social culinary and spiritual event these gatherings have over the Lent period raised £550.00 to be used for parish charities.

Very well done.

Once again this happened because of you, our wonderful congregation.

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. The coach is now almost full.

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), Davie Armstrong (LD) Kieran O'Conner (LD) funeral Wed 29th April, Natalia Barbah Jayne (LD) funeral 1st May

Anniversary: Francesco Moretti, Kathleen Mary Humphys, Harry Foster, Margaret Smith, Joe Holden, Eileen Entwistle, Gordon Waddicor.

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

A Prayer for Peace

In these troubled times, please dedicate a prayer for peace across the world.

Christmas is coming

Has anyone seen any Christmas items for sale yet?

Pictures on display

On display in the entrance to both our churches is a display of artwork created by the children from our schools. The work depicts aspects of Easter through their eyes.

Take some time to have a look and please pick out your favourites and mention it to one of the members of the Knights of Columba.

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.

Thought for the Week

You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Commitment

At some point soon FR Brian will give his next talk on Scripture and the role of social teaching in the Church.

Summer Chester Zoo Trip

This heavily sponsored family trip to the zoo will be on **Tuesday 18th 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.

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.

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 will be priced at £7.00



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Rotas this weekend 11th and 12th April 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

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

Rotas next weekend 18th and 19th April 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: L. Loxham **11am:** A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

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