



“He must rise from the dead”

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Easter Sunday Ordinary Time Year

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Happy Easter to everyone

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| Saturday  | 6.15 p.m. |            | No Mass<br>Vigil Mass   |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Easter Sunday Ordinary Time in Year A   |
| Monday    | 9.15 a.m. |            | Mass  |
| Tuesday   |           | 10.00 a.m. | Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a debate about the lack of soup in society |
| 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<br>Vigil Mass  |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | <b>Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A</b>   |

### Palm Sunday Walk of Witness

So many thanks go to the Scouting community of Darwen who last Sunday led the rest of us up to Darwen Tower. The cross was carried and placed in its traditional spot despite the threat of inclement weather. Thankfully, the leaders could gauge if there was to be any danger and a window of calm descended upon us as we reached the peak.

It is great to know that so many of our youth are not boring and are prepared to confront the challenge of the wind and rain.

### Turin Shroud

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

It is a life-size replica of the original burial shroud believed to have been used to wrap the body of Jesus after the Crucifixion.

### Last Drop of Soup

The lenten soup has now run dry for another year. However, thanks go to those who produced, served and helped in anyway. To those who came along and supported this annual tradition a big thank you. Money was raised and good causes have once again been helped by 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)

**Anniversary:** Jimmy Mullaney, Eileen Roberts God bless my love, Francesco Moretti, Kathleen Mary Humphrys, Harry Foster, Margaret Smith,

**Easter Wishes:** The McIntyre Family, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox nee Kerrane, Josephine Ann Smith

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

## 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.

## 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 the visiting priests, He hopes to return with a genuine Chinese antique.

## A Prayer for Peace

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

## 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.

## 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 of the Week

To be sure God goes with you; be sure you go with God.

## 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.

## 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

## ADORATION

Looking into the eyes of God  
I look into the eyes of one who loves me  
And in that gaze  
I see myself as I am,  
and as I can be.  
My Fathers joy  
calling me onward.  
Beyond all that restricts me.

And I am afraid.



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## Rotas this 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

## Rotas next weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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