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“Father glorify your Son”

Seventh Sunday of Easter in Year A

17th May 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 p.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Easter in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	May Rosary Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a discussion as to when we should cast a clout.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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.	Pentecost in Ordinary Time Year A

Collection last weekend

Congratulations for the wonderful mass collection of £1,340.00. This added to other donations received means that we can send £2,000.00 to the Christian community of the Holy Land. The cheque will go to “The Friends of the Holy Land” a charity set up by the Catholic and Anglican church.

For the last 15 years “Friends of the Holy Land” has worked across the West Bank, Israel, Gaza, and Jordan directly supporting 2,500 people each year. Thank you.

Now we continue to pray for peace.

First Communion Dates

The children of our parish are busy preparing for an important milestone in the journey of their faith. The dates are as follows.

St Edwards Sunday 7th June 1.00 p.m.

St Josephs Sunday 28th June 1.00 p.m.

Confirmation Wed 24th June

May Rosary

The Knights of St Columba will be leading the Rosary each Tuesday morning during May starting on Tuesday 5th May at 9.30am (prior to the 10.00am Mass) at St Edward's.

Please come along and support this activity as May is the month dedicated to Mary. By joining in the Rosary you will ask Mary to act as an intermediary to her Son Jesus.

Summer Coach Trip

We have booked a coach for **Thursday 2nd July** to take us off into the sunshine. The cost of the trip will be £15.00. At the moment the route will be up to Bowness-on Windermere in the Lake District, followed by an afternoon stroll around Kendal. There is still time to make further suggestions as to alternatives. Further details on all the arrangements are to follow. The main thing is we now have the coach booked. So come along, relax and enjoy a day out in the Lakes.



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: Patricia Tedeschi (LD), Sjoerd Eisma (LD), Eileen Eastham (LD), Wilma Taylor (LD),
Anniversary: Esther Holden, Pauline Nuttall, Ian Procter from a loving family, Herbert Sandbach, Harry Mears, Michael Kay, Rosaleen Smith, Donald and Joyce Harwood, Jim Hackett, Winnie Mayor, Margaret Smith Birthday, Donald Harwood Birthday, Bernard Healy Birthday
Special Intention: A special intention, Early recovery for Judith Sergeant.

Summer Chester Zoo Trip

This trip is now FULL. You can of course approach Fr Brian about any cancellations. However, should there now be a massive demand we may add another coach.

This heavily sponsored family trip to the zoo is on **Tuesday 18th August.** The price is £5.00 for a child (15 years or below) and £7.00 for an adult.



A Plea for Support

We are asking for help in providing readers or Eucharistic Ministers for the Saturday evening services at St Joseph's. These duties are not as onerous as you may think and would help Fr. Brian and our existing volunteers to share the load. Help and support will be given. Speak to Glenda or Dave Witherington.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

This group meets 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

Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

Conference of Clergy

Fr Brian attended a day's conference on the development of the Church in Salford diocese with fellow clergy. The age and shortage of Clergy was a major issue. This coupled with the reduction in mass attendance. However, the Church was seen as 2000 years old, so although change is inevitable this may not be a bad thing

Gift Aid

We kindly urge all members of our congregation, who unfortunately have to pay UK taxes, to consider making their weekly donation to the church using Gift Aid. This simple step enables us to increase our income at no extra cost to you, as the government adds 25p for every £1 you donate.

Once set up you will simply place your donation into a Gift Aid envelope and place this into the offertory basket. Your generous weekly support through Gift Aid will help us sustain our vital initiatives and help maintain the church for future generations.

Please speak to Glenda Brindle at St Joseph's Church or Julie Ainsworth at St Edward's Church for further information and help with the easy setting up of Gift Aid. All that is needed is your name, address and signature and we will do the rest. Your contribution will make a difference.

Drug Addicts Anonymous

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



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Rotas this weekend 16th and 17th May 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Sweeny **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D Witherington

Sun 9 am: S. Aldcroft **11am:** P. Corran

Rotas next weekend 23rd and 24th May 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

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