



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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“God sent his Son to save the world”

The Most Holy Trinity Year A

31st 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.	The Most Holy Trinity Year A
Monday	11.15 a.m.		Requiem Mass Eileen Eastham Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a search for fans, air conditioning units and ice. Too late it's raining!
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.	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

May Rosary

The Knights of St Columba have been leading the Rosary each Tuesday morning during May at St Edward's.

Thanks go to all those involved in organising leading our prayers together,

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**. Please write your name and telephone number on the list at the back of either church.

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.

First communion

Next Sunday 7th June at 1.00 pm the children from St Edward will be making their first communion.

Please pray for these wonderful children and their families.

May they be blessed and feel the dignity that is theirs by rite.



First Communion Dates

The children of St Joseph are busy preparing for an important milestone in the journey of their faith. They will receive their first communion on **Sunday 28th June** 1.00 p.m.

Classes have been taking place at St Bede's for this year's confirmations which will be on **Wednesday the 24th of June**. Please pray for all concerned



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: Eileen Eastham (LD), Wilma Taylor (LD), Eileen Redmayne (LD).

Anniversary: Donald and Joyce Harwood, Jim Hackett, Winnie Mayor, Margaret Smith Birthday, Donald Harwood Birthday, Bernard Healy Birthday, Gordon Waddicor.

Special Intention:

Wedding Day

Congratulations to Barbara Marcinek and Deividas Vacius, who are celebrating their marriage this weekend at St Edwards. This joyful occasion marks the beginning of a wonderful new chapter in their lives and we wish them happiness for their future together.

Let there be joy as they make their vows and begin their journey together. We send them our warmest wishes for a future blessed with kindness, strength, companionship, and endless reasons to smile throughout the years ahead.

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

Simple acts of love and prayer keep the light of Christ burning brightly.

Safeguarding meeting

Fr Brian attended a safeguarding meeting at Salford Cathedral last week. It is seen as essential that we all remain aware of the need to protect the vulnerable.

Boiler Servicing

Some members of our parish may have been struggling with the heat over the last week, but ironically, we have had the boilers serviced this week. A total of 8 boilers in the different units of parish buildings have now been serviced and are ready for another year. The bill for this necessary event is just over £1000.00. So it costs to stay warm and your generosity keeps it all going.

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.



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 30th and 31st May 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

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

Rotas next weekend 6th and 7th June 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

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