



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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“Do not fear those who kill the body”

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads

Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 p.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and a discussion upon how to respond to conversation about football, and the best way to dribble.
Wednesday		9.15 a.m.	St Edward's School Mass special celebration for the children who have received their first communion.
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.	<b>St Peter and St Paul in Ordinary Time Year A</b>

### First communion

The next first communion service is on **Sunday 28th June** at 1.00am at St Joseph's Church. A wonderful celebration for our children and their families.

### Words from the Pope Leo

Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love.

*From Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas pg41*

### Confirmation

Bishop John Arnold will be visiting the parish to celebrate a confirmation service at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 24th of June**. We welcome him to this wonderful part of his Diocese. Classes have been taking place at St Bede's for this year's confirmations. Please pray for all concerned.

### Lowerhouse and Darwen Cricket

Sadly, Darwen Crickets first team gave a strong reception to Lowerhouse last week but didn't win the game. Darwen's pro putting on a fine attempt.

### Father's Day

Father's Day is this **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Thanks to all dads.

Enjoy Enjoy Enjoy

### Weekday Mass

Fr Brian appeals for support at weekday mass. This is a wonderful community and in order to keep it vibrant there needs to be a presence each day.

Those who come to weekday mass provide a service for all the faithful. Could you make a commitment to come mid-week at least once.

### Summer Coach Trip

The coach trip to Bowness in the Lake District on **Thursday 2nd July is now full**.

If you still need to pay for the trip then place the full money in an envelope marked with your name and "Lake Trip" into the offertory basket or hand to Fr. Brian.

Following our visit to Bowness-on Windermere we will continue onto the market town of Kendal before our journey home.



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:

**Anniversary:** Biancospino Olimpia De Falco Raffaele, Michael Reddy, Helen Cowell, Norman Chadwick, Elizabeth Burke, Elizabeth(Olive) Bauer.

**Father's Day Intentions:** Christopher Burke, Paul John Davies (Love as always), Tom McIver, Harry Mears, Herbert Sandbach.

**Special Intention:** A special Intention, A for a special private intention, For a sick person.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> August**. The price is £5.00 for a child (15 years or below) and £7.00 for an adult.



## SVP Mass of Healing

This will take place in St Edwards's Hall on **Saturday the 18th of July**. All are welcome. There are refreshments after mass, so please come and enjoy. Names will be required for the numbers attending.

## 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.

### New group meeting arranged

The first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous to be held in St Edward's Parish Hall at 6.30 until 9.00 pm on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Please pray for this group and the work it does.

## Thought for the Week

Start off your day with God. He is so much better than coffee.

## An appeal by the Knights of Saint Columba

On the **4th of July** the Knights of St Columba Council 149 Darwen will be celebrating a century of service to the Roman Catholic Parishes of Darwen. 100 years ago, 18 parishioners, with the support of their parish priests, petitioned the Supreme Council of The Knights to grant a charter of constitution for a Council in Darwen. This was duly granted. The names of those parishioners are listed below

G Walmsley, E. Yates, R. Walsh, J Horrocks, S. Taylor, M. McGlynn, J Walmsley, J. Walmsley, S.J. Bickmore, R Swarbrick, T.E. Tipping, R Wilcock, J.J. Duckett, W., B. Haighton, J. W, Grey, W.H. Driscoll, J. Cavanagh, Rev M McGrath and Rev L.E. Farrelly.

Do any of our current parishioners have any connection with any of these gentlemen? If so, it would be lovely to get any information or photos about them. We could then share this to honour them when we officially celebrate our centenary at the masses over the weekend of **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**.

Anyone with any information about any of the original Knights, or if any gentlemen are interested in joining our Order, please contact any of the following:

Stephen McMillan 07979185025

Philip Taylor 07703831594

Mike Lomax 07946476688

Jim Egan 07465412019

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

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

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

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

**Sun 9 am:** M. Worden **11 am:** M. Bauer

## Rotas next weekend 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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

**Sun 9 am:** R. Smith **11am:** M. Bauer

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm:** P. Ainscough

**Sun 9 am** M. R. Gordon **11am:** C. Avino