



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"You are Peter, and I will give you the
keys of the Kingdom of Heaven"**

St Peter and St Paul in Ordinary Time Year A

28th June 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.	St Peter and St Paul in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee and the possible election of a new Prime Minister to lead Eucharistic service and hand out the refreshments in the hall afterwards.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday			No Mass just the trip
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.	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Confirmation

Thanks Go to Bishop John for confirming so many young people (a total of 54) at St Josephs last Wednesday evening. It was decided by those who were confirmed that the collection taken should be given to Cancer Research. Thus £333.40 will be sent off.

Of course this service was the conclusion of a great deal of work done by staff at St Bede's school. So we are very grateful for all that they do.

Pope Leo Magnifica Humanitas

Technological innovations, including artificial intelligence, are not neutral, for they can foster participation and justice, or they can exacerbate inequality, control and exclusion.

From Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas

A Prayer for Venezuela.

Remember the people of Venezuela in your prayers as the extent of the earthquake disaster unfolds.

First communion

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

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

Off we go on our summer coach trip, just as the heat starts to cool down. Leaving 9.00 am from St Josephs, then directly down to opposite the Anchor (St Edwards) before setting off to Bowness-on-Windermere for a walk and drink. In the afternoon we head off to explore the market town of Kendal and set off for home at 5.00pm.



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: Helen Cowell, Norman Chadwick, Elizabeth Burke, Elizabeth (Olive) Bauer, Annie Conlon (Birthday), Gerry Lucas.

Special Intention: 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 18th August**. The price is £5.00 for a child (15 years or below) and £7.00 for an



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 next meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in St Edward's Parish Hall at 6.30 until 9.00 pm on **Wednesday 1st July** Please pray for this group and the work it does.

Thought for the Week

Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow but live for today.

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 **11th and 12th 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 27th and 28th 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

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Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D Witherington

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez 11am: B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: P. Corran