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"I am the living bread that came down
from heaven"

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

7th 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.	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and preparation for the world cup celebration.
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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First communion

This **Sunday 7th June** at 1.00 pm the children from St Edward's 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's 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

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

We have booked a coach for **Thursday 2nd July** to take us off to experience the beauty of the Lake District National Park. The cost of the trip is **£15.00**. If you would like to go, please write your name and telephone number on the list at the back of either church. Then place the full money in an envelope marked with your name and "Lake Trip" into the offertory basket or hand to Fr. Brian.

The route will be up to Bowness-on Windermere in the Lake District, followed by an afternoon stroll around the market town of Kendal before our journey home. Further details on all the arrangements are to follow.



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), Eileen Redmayne (LD).

Anniversary: Gordon Waddicor, Biancospino Olimpia De Falco Raffaele, Michael Reddy

Special Intention:

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.



Red Box Collection

We are again at the time when the Mill Hill Missionaries Red Boxes are due for collection. Maggie or Sarah will be distributing the booklets. If your box needs emptying, please leave it at the back of church. It will be returned to you.

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.

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.

The Presence of an Angel

"..... you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each person... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness.

You should know, too, that with him is God"

A quote from St Anthony the Great

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.

Boiler Servicing

Some members of our parish may have been struggling with the heat over the last week, but ironically, we have just had all the boilers in the parish buildings serviced. This will ensure that we will be kept warm during the winter months.

Thought for the Week

Many people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

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 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

Rotas next weekend 13th and 14th June 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am S. Aldcroft **11am:** J. Ainsworth