



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"A sower went out to sow"

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12th July 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.	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	School Leavers Mass for St Joseph's Children. Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and a chance to practice Larger Spraying, before watching a football match.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday	1.15 p.m.		Requiem Mass Patricia Kerrane RIP
Friday		9.15 a.m.	School Leavers Mass for St Edward's Children
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Knights of St Columba

We shall mark the anniversary of 100 years in Darwen at all of our masses. Congratulations to the Knights, and thanks be to God for all the work done over the years.

SVP Mass of Healing

This will take place in St Edwards Hall on **Saturday 18th of July at 2.00pm**. After the Mass there will be an afternoon tea. To help with catering and seating arrangements it would be great if those who intend to celebrate with us put their names down on the list at the back of either Church or contact a member of the SVP. All are welcome. It would be nice if we arrived at about 1.30pm to begin at 2.00pm. Thanks go to all who organise this wonderful event.

Notice of Funeral

Patricia Kerrane's funeral will take place on **Thursday 16th July** in St Joseph's Church at 1.15pm

Pope Leo Encyclical

Our relationship with life seems to be in crisis today. Everything that appears as a limit – incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, vulnerability – tends to be seen primarily as a defect to be corrected, rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens itself to relationship
From the Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas Page 76 (118)

Defibrillator

An amazing device, but it is coming up to the time to change the batteries etc. Thanks to all who arrange this for us.

A Prayer for Venezuela and Sudan

God of mercy, help us appreciate our gifts and share them generously. Bring peace to Sudan. Bring comfort to those facing disaster in Venezuela. Guide our leaders towards justice, and make our prayers become actions of healing, hope and welcome. Amen.



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 Kerrane (LD), Garry Brookes (LD),

Anniversary: Annie Conlon (Birthday), Gerry Lucas, Peter Thomas Walsh, Damien Duckworth, Winnie Foster (Birthday),

Special Intention: For a sick person, Thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Next Coach Trip

Where will the next destination be for our Bus Trip after the Summer holidays?

Please let Fr Brian know your thoughts and suggestions.

Hot Weather Precautions

Drink water, stay shaded, avoid the midday sun, wear sunscreen, keep rooms cool, check vulnerable neighbours, and call for help if unwell.

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.

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 15th July** Please pray for this group and the work it does.

Thought for the Week

God doesn't have anyone to work for him that doesn't make mistakes.

The Knights of Saint Columba

On **Sunday 12th July** the Knights will be celebrating their 100 years in Darwen.

The Knights of St Columba Council 149 Darwen celebrated 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. Houghton, 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. 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 11th and 12th July 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: Fran James

Sun 9 am: B. Hughes **11am:** J. Fitzgerald

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6. 15pm: D. Witherington

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

Rotas next weekend 18th and 19th July 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

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