



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"Let both grow together until the harvest"

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th 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.	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday		11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass June Shorrocks RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a review of England's World Cup adventure. Would Bobby Charlton have made a difference?
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		No morning Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Knights of St Columba

Congratulations again to The Knights of St Columba for 100 years' service to the people of Darwen.

Pope Leo Encyclical

At the same time, it is also necessary to teach children, adolescents and young people how to recognise manipulation, defend their dignity and respect that of others in digital environments
From the Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas

SVP Mass of Healing

By the time you read this the mass will have taken place. So thanks go to all those who have made the effort in all the heat. It is wonderful that so many people care.

Next Coach Trip

Still not decided. What do you think? Where will the next destination be for our Bus Trip after the Summer holidays?

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.

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.

School Holidays

This is a great opportunity to thank those of our school community for the contribution that they make. May the children have a safe and happy holiday and return ready for further adventure. May the staff enjoy the break and not allow the weeks to pass too quickly.



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), Paul Johnson (LD), June Shorrocks (LD).

Anniversary: Damien Duckworth, Winnie Foster (Birthday), Ian Procter, Tom McIver, Eileen Mears on anniversary of her passing and her birthday.

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

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.

St Joseph's School

The whole school took part in a Hop. Skip and Jump event to raise money for East Lancashire Hospice. This is a charity that is close to many staff and families, and they were overwhelmed with the amount raised.

Jackie from the hospice said "Praise and Thanksgiving the amount was the highest raised by any school – well done."

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 22nd July** Please pray for this group and the work it does.

Thought for the Week

Leave an impression in this world that will last forever.

The Knights of Saint Columba

The Knights of St Columba Council 149, Darwen, celebrated 100 years of service to the Roman Catholic parishes of Darwen. A century ago, 18 parishioners, with the support of their parish priests, petitioned the Supreme Council of the Knights of St Columba to grant a charter of constitution for a council in Darwen. The petition was duly approved, and the council was formally established. The names of those founding 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 a connection with any of these gentlemen? If so, we would be delighted to receive any information, memories, or photographs relating to them. These could then be shared as part of our official centenary celebrations, helping us to honour their contribution.

If anyone has any information about any of the original Knights, or if any gentlemen are interested in joining our Order, please contact one 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 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 M. Old

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

Rotas next weekend 25th and 26th July 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** A Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

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