



“He sells all that he has and buys that field”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26th 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.	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday		10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass Jean Holden RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and the introduction of government offices in the Northwest of England here in Darwen, far away from the unfairly advantaged capital of Manchester.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is in Glasgow
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is in for the high jump if the Bishop finds out.
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is still being amazed.
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday in Time Year A

SVP Mass of Healing

The Mass of Healing last week was a great job well done. The event was a team effort, our gratitude must go to all who worked to set it up, to those who organised the transport, arranged the hall, made the sandwiches and cake to feed everyone, to add to the conversation. The whole thing seemed peaceful and pleasant. This is due entirely to the organisation, so thank you.

Classes on Faith

Classes for people interested in the faith. These will be starting up before Christmas which is not so far away. Dates for these classes will be announced in the newsletter,

Next Coach Trip

Where will the destination be for our next trip out after the summer holidays? Please let Fr Brian know your thoughts and suggestions. How about Lytham and Fleetwood or Harrogate or Llangollen.

Pope Leo Encyclical

It is, therefore, not enough to state simply that men and women have equal dignity and rights; it is necessary that this be reflected in concrete decisions, such as laws, access to employment, education, social and political responsibilities, and the way society listens to and values women's contributions. As long as this gap persists, we cannot say that society truly and fully recognises that women have the same dignity as men.

Extract from the Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas

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), Paul Johnson (LD), June Shorrocks (LD), Jean Holden (LD)

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

Special Intention: Thanksgiving for prayers answered. For a speedy recovery.

The Knights of Saint Columba

The next meeting of the Knights of St Columba Council 149 Darwen will take place at St Joseph, Presbytery at **8.00 pm** on **Monday 27th July**. This meeting is open to any gentlemen who are interested in finding out more about Knights and the good work that they undertake across the community. For more information, please contact one of the following members.

Stephen McMillan 07979185025

Philip Taylor 07703831594

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Summer Chester Zoo Trip

Everyone who is going on the coach trip to the zoo will be contacted this coming week to remind them and confirm their place.

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 29th July** Please pray for this group and the work it does.

Thought for the Week

Faith makes all things possible, not easy.

SVP Meeting

The next meeting will take place at St Edward's Church Hall on **Monday 27th July at 7.00pm**.

Our Silent Army

We are so grateful for the small but wonderful group of volunteers who give their time, energy and care to help our churches run smoothly. Your kindness, quiet dedication and willing hands make such a difference each week.

These are the people who arrange the bookings of the halls? Who clean the Churches? Who prepare the timetables? Who make the tea? Who put out the flowers and paraphernalia used for mass? Who book the plumber, the electrician, the meter reader? Who sort out the money? Who print the newsletter, or organise the repository stalls? Who open the doors at funerals, or show visitors where the toilets are?

Who keep a check on the housebound?
Who reads and administers communion?

Who? Who? Who?

None of this happens by magic.
All is based on kindness and service.

Thank you for all you do for our church family.

Thank you

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 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

Rotas next weekend 1st & 2nd August 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: M. Sweeney **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Ainscough

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