



“They all ate and were satisfied”

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2nd August 2026

St Edward's

St Joseph's

Saturday		9.15 p.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
	6.15 p.m.		
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and the application of waterproofing and suntan oil.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
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.	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an anti-poverty charity and part of an international Christian voluntary network. We offer practical, compassionate support to people experiencing poverty, hardship or isolation.

Within the Darwen area we are a small but dedicated group of individuals who are constantly supporting our local community. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with this work, contact Father if you want to get involved . Across England and Wales, more than 8,000 faith-motivated volunteers visit vulnerable or isolated people, offering friendship, dignity and practical help tailored to individual needs.

This support may include providing essentials, helping with transport, offering financial assistance where possible, and supporting people as they settle into their communities. By responding to local needs, SVP helps people build confidence, strengthen connections and move towards a brighter future.

Pope Leo Encyclical

An encyclical is a letter circulated by the Pope to Catholic churches worldwide. It is sent directly from our Holy Father in Rome to Catholics all over the world and is often addressed to all people of good will, namely non-Catholics who may also want to read the document.

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* is addressed to all people of goodwill.

School Holidays

Now we are in the holiday period this is a wonderful opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for the valuable contribution they make.

We are truly grateful for the support, encouragement and commitment shown throughout the year. We wish all our children a safe, happy and restful holiday, and we look forward to welcoming them back refreshed, ready for the next stage of their learning adventure.



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), Chris Johnson (LD)

Anniversary: Winnie Foster (Birthday), Ian Procter, Tom McIver, Eileen Mears on anniversary of her passing and her birthday, Daniel Mason, Damien Duckworth, Maria Jergovic, George Robert Gordon (1st August) 50 years.

Special Intention: For a speedy recovery.

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?

Thank you for all you do for our church family.

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"In an era when truth is often distorted in order to serve particular interests and communication strategies, the field of education assumes decisive importance. Yet rapid technological transformations reveal just how unprepared we are on the educational level. The pervasiveness of digital media fosters a culture of immediacy and hyper-stimulation, which gives rise to fatigue, boredom, and apathy concerning the effort required for seeking the truth".

Thought for the Week

TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 25th and 26th July 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: F. Davis **11am:** J. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am M. Worden **11am:** m. Bauer