



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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“ I am gentle and lowly in heart ”

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th 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.	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	11.00 a.m.		Requiem Mass Gary Brookes RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee and a collection taken to send Fr Brian off to the World Cup Final.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service as Fr Brian is conducting a funeral at St Albans Blackburn
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		No Mass on Saturday morning at St Edward's Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Coach Trip to the Lakes

We went on a modern coach for our trip to Bowness and Kendal. There was a competition for who could buy the most expensive tea and cake. In Bowness Mr McGregor's pie shop had run out. Plus, you needed a credit card to use the public convenience.
It was a very exciting and fun day out with the Lakes scenery looking at its best. We enjoyed the weather guaranteed by Maggie and Glenda.
Where to next 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.

A Prayer for Venezuela and Sudan

Pray that we may appreciate the gifts we have.
Pray that we may create an environment of peace that can end war and deal with natural disaster.

Special anniversary Tuesday

We give thanks with the Frank and Lucy Overton families for all the blessings shared.

Funeral at St Albans Blackburn

Please note there will be a Eucharistic Service at St Joseph's on Friday in order to allow the parish priest to conduct a funeral service at St Alban's.

Pope Leo Magnifica Humanitas

“Pope Francis emphasised that when dealing with many specific questions, the Church does not claim to offer “a definitive opinion “but recognises the importance of listening to scientific research and of encouraging a serious and honest debate among experts while welcoming a diversity of opinions”
From the Popes Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas
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Advanced Notice

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



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, Harry Grimes for Father's Day

Special Intention: A special private intention, For a sick person.

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.

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 8th July** Please pray for this group and the work it does.

Thought for the Week

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep, talk to the shepherd.

The Knights of Saint Columba

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

On the **4th of July** 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 4th and 5th July 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D Witherington

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11 am:** P. Corran

Rotas next weekend 11th and 12th July 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: Fan James

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

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

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