



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"Mary has been taken up into
heaven: the host of angels rejoice"**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th August 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.	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and preparation for the training of the elephant Fr Brian is planning to bring back from Chester Zoo.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service (Fr Brian is at the Test Match)
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
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.	Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Coach Trip

Our next coach trip will be to the small Welsh town of Llangollen on Tuesday 29th September 2026. The cost of the trip will be £15.00 Place your name on the list to be found at the back of both Churches and place your money in an envelope marked "Llangollen" and place it in the offertory basket or hand directly to Fr Brian.

Put the date in your diary and come along and have a great day out.

Back to School

The new term for both St Edward's and St Joseph's school will welcome pupils back on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Both schools have an Inset Day for their staff on Tuesday 1st September and are closed to pupils. The Parish welcomes all new pupils to school, may they enjoy the excitement of learning and the joy making lots of new friends.

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.

Summer Chester Zoo Trip

It is happening this week, the long awaited trip to Chester Zoo is this **Tuesday 18th August.** The weather will be cooler, but that is not such a bad thing when the animals like us do not like the sun. A full report next week when we all return exhausted

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Kerry Anne Turner and Kieron Wood who are to be married at St Joseph's Church on Friday 21st August at 3.00pm. Let there be joy.



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: Jean Holden (LD), Chris Johnson (LD), John Keane (LD)

Anniversary: Mary Kate Healy anniversary of birth and death, Elizabeth Burke, Esther McIntyre,

Special Intention: For a speedy recovery, For Derick, recovering from a heart condition.

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"What has also re-emerged is the temptation to forge a collective identity in opposition to the enemy, fuelled by narratives in which each party portrays itself as a victim entitled to retribution."

A Date for your Diary

The Knights of St Columba are organising a live music event with the incredible MIKE LESTER. This will take place on Sunday afternoon **25th October** at St Edwards Parish Hall. The doors open at 1.30pm. Ticket price is £7.00 and includes Pie and Peas and Tea/Coffee.

A bar will be available, and all proceeds will go to local charities.

The Good Work of the SVP

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

If you would like to be involved in helping with this good work, please get in touch with Maggie at St. Joseph's or Chris Avino at St Edward's.

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.

Thought for the Week

When God measures a man, He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.

To His Dead Father

By Graham Swift

Their age freezes, but we go on
Burning the years
If I could meet him now
There wouldn't be that gap between us.
I'd say "I'm catching up"
Like someone adjusting
To the other's brisker pace
I'd say "I see it now like you saw it
The thing is, I just lagged behind"
We'd walk, we'd talk, we'd know each other.
We'd be like equals, brothers, friends.

Exam results

Congratulations to all those students who have received their results, don't worry to those still waiting, and use what talents you have.

Parish expense

The everyday running costs to keep our churches going and everyone safe is always an ongoing burden to parish expense.

£500 on emergency lighting in St Edward's Hall,
£1,500 to be spent on cutting down trees.
If this goes on Fr Brian may have to sell his Des O'Conner record collection.

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 19th August** Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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Rotas this weekend 15th & 16th August 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: F. James

Sun 9 am: M. Davies **11am:** C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: M.R. Gordon **11 am:** C. Avino

Rotas next weekend 22nd and 23rd August 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: J. Walsh **11am:** A. Bakere

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6. 15pm: M. Old

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