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**"You are Peter and I will give you
the keys to the kingdom of heaven"**

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd 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.	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and arrangements for everyone to return to school and take exams in all the things we have forgotten. Pressure equals force over area. (two marks)
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
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 Second 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 and your phone contact details 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.

Don't forget to give us your contact details.

Chester Zoo Trip

Thanks to the people who helped arrange and finance our trip to Chester Zoo. It was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the day out. The Elephants remembered us. The Great Otters and their young entertained us. The Tigers looked fierce and the Rhino was somewhat confused by it all.

All in All, a great day out.

Classes on Faith

These classes are for people interested in the faith and who wish to learn more. These will be starting up in November and run through to December. Dates for these classes will be announced in the newsletter. You will be most welcome to join us.

Visiting Housebound

We shall be out visiting the housebound of the parish this week. If you are, or you know of someone who is housebound and would like a visit please let Fr Brian know.

Wedding Bells

Next Friday the 28th August Fr Brian will be celebrating the wedding of Adam Crabtree and Felicia Adeoye. Pray for good weather, fun, and love.



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: John Keane (LD)

Anniversary: Mary Kate Healy anniversary of birth and death, Elizabeth Burke, Esther McIntyre, Raymond Conlon, Angela Procto.

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

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"Nothing in the world of AI is immaterial or magical. Every seemingly immediate and flawless response is the result of a long chain of meditation, involving vast networks of natural resources, energy infrastructure, and above all people. (That is PowerStation's, manufacture, mining, and labour)"

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.

Cricket

Fr Brian was at the cricket last week. England v Pakistan on the pitch and people paying £8.00 a pint in the stands. Oh, what a crazy and wonderful country we live in.

Work on the Parish

Did you notice anything different at St Edward's? All was completed quickly, smartly and a job well done.

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

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

Local Charity

What would you like the parish to support this Christmas. Is there a good local charity? Please let Fr. Brian know.

If only or Serenity

To be old enough
Not to need children
To visit a zoo
Or play with pebbles on a beach
To feel the exhilaration
Of sunshine on the face
And sleep
Free
Of pointless anxiety.

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.

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 26th August** Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 29th & 30th August 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am L. Loxham **11am:** A. Atkinson

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Wardle

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