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**"What would it profit a man if he gains
the whole world and forfeits his soul"**

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake by Whisky, Gin, Port wine and Champaign to celebrate grandchildren returning to school. Fr Brian will be celebrating mass with the staff of St Bedes.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service Fr Brian is off to the Yorkshire Dales.
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

Tickets are still available for our next coach trip to Llangollen on Tuesday 29th September 2026. The cost of the trip is £15.00

If you wish to come along on this day trip 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.

DARE

We have had the joy of opening up our kitchen at St Edward's Church Hall to DARE during the summer holidays. The Darwen Asylum Refugee Enterprise has been providing lunches and a community to the refugee groups in Darwen.

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.

Annual walk in the rain

Fr. Brian will be setting off walking to Appleby on his annual pilgrimage on Friday. Prayer is a natural consequence of the sights, sounds and confrontation he will challenge.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Adam Crabtree and Felicia Adeoye from the parish and married at Stonyhurst last Friday.



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), Dolly Parton (LD)

Anniversary: Raymond Conlon, Angela Proctor, Julie and David Ainsworth Golden Wedding Anniversary
Herbert Sandbach, Robert Makin.

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

Flood Disaster

Our prayers go out to the victims, survivors and their families of the terrible flash floods and mudslides along the Nepal and Tibet border.

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"In countries marked by social tension, we cannot rule out the possibility that some leaders may consider armed conflict as an effective way of diverting attention from domestic problems and a cynical tool for managing difficulties.

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.

Schools reopens next week

The new term for both St Edward's and St Joseph's schools will welcome pupils back on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Let us pray for our schools that they continue to liberate from ignorance and thus spread the Catholic ethos.

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

The most deadly sins do not leap upon us; they creep upon us.



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Local Charity

Derian House has been mentioned. However, is there a smaller local charity close to your heart. Please let Fr. Brian know.

Morning meditation

From all eternity
Call me again
Into the reality
Of this tick tock time.
Not where I should be,
Not where I want to be
But where I am.
Then refocused
Let me
Begin

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 2nd September** Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 5th & 6th September 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: R. Smith **11am:** M. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

Sun 9 am: S. McMillan **11am:** D. Suddick