



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"Do you begrudge my generosity?"

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		No Mass Fr. Brian is still on his walk.
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and discussion on the proposed pension increase.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	No 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.	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Weekend Welcome

Fr. Christogonus Mann our Blackburn Hospital Chaplain will be celebrating the masses as Fr Brian is still struggling with the wind and the rain on his way to Appleby. He is most welcome, and we are all grateful for the work he does in the hospital

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.

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"The Eucharist "is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety"

Classes on Faith

These classes are for people who wish to explore the idea of becoming Roman Catholic or simply wish to learn more about the faith. These will take place in St Josephs, lasting no more than one hour, and on the following Tuesdays 10th, 17th, 24th of November and the 1st, 8th, 15th of December. You are welcome to come along

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the SVP Group will take place on **Monday 21st September** at 7,00pm at St Edwards Church Hall. If you are interested to hear about the work undertaken by this group pop along to the meeting.

Funeral announcements

The following dates have been announced for the funeral service for members of our parish.

Kathleen O'Brian

Friday 25th September at St Joseph's
Madeline Walsh

Monday 28th September at St Joseph's

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: Angela Fisher (LD), Kathleen O'Brian (LD), Madeline Walsh (LD), Ron Knight (LD), Gary Kidd (LD), Steve Mills (LD)

Anniversary: Vera Henry, Margarete J. Barker,

Special Intention: For a speedy recovery, For Derick, recovering from a heart condition, thanks for a safe delivery.

Our Church welcomes

We are planning to have our Parish first ever African mass on **Saturday 21st of November** at St Edwards Church followed by food in the Hall. This will be fun and Fr Christogonus Manu will lead the mass.

Annual walk in the rain

The walk details for next week are as follows

Saturday Hetton to Settle 12 miles,

Sunday Settle to Chapel-le-Dale 14.5 miles,

Monday Chapel-le-Dale to Sedberg 15.5 miles,

Tuesday Sedbergh to Newbiggin-on-Lune

10.5miles **Wednesday** Newbiggin-on-Lune to

Appleby 12.5 miles

Photographs will be uploaded to the parish website <https://darwencatholic.org.uk/walking-trip/>

Neurodiversity: Awareness

This event will take place on **Saturday 3rd October 2026** at the St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester M4 5HF from 10.30am to 2pm. Participants are welcome to join the Mass before the event at 10.00 am For more information and to register on this free event just visit the website.

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/neurodiversity-sacramental-programmes/>

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

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.

SVP Awareness Month

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) supports people in Darwen through practical help, friendship and compassionate community action. We are a small group of volunteers who respond to hardship by visiting individuals and families, listening to their concerns and offering assistance where appropriate.

We help with transport arrangements for hospital and doctor appointments, food, clothing, and household essentials, help with urgent costs, or signposting to specialist services.

If you would like to help with this vital work, please get in touch with Maggie or Chris.

Local Charity

We are still looking for suggestion for our Christmas charity which the church can support. Please let Fr. Brian know of any local worthy cause that we can make a donation to.

Mill Hill Missionaries

It is that time of year again when your Red Boxes need to be emptied and the money raised put to good use Thank all of those who contribute to this worthy cause. Please contact Maggie and Sarah to make the arrangements.

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 23rd September** Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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Rotas this weekend 19th & 20th September 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: F. James

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

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am S. Aldcroft **11am:** J. Ainsworth

Rotas next weekend 26th & 27th September 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am S. McMillan **11am:** P. Simms

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 M. Old

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