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**"John came to you in the way of
righteousness and you did not believe"**

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	10.30 a.m.		Requiem Mass Madeline Walsh RIP
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake as many of us invade Wales.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
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

Thanks to our Hospital Chaplain

Thank you, Fr Christogonus Mann, for celebrating mass last weekend. Hopefully you will visit us again soon.

FR Brian says Thankyou

Thanks to all who covered for the absence of Fr Brian. Those who prayed in the church, posted the pictures, made the visiting priests welcome, and generally got on with the life of the Parish.

Coach Trip

On Tuesday the time has finally arrived, and we are off we go to North Wales.

We will be setting off from St Josephs church at 9.00am and then pick up from opposite the Anchor. We will be returning from Llangollen at 5.00pm prompt.

Let hope that the weather stays fine and the motorway is clear. A great time will be had by all.

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

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical page 74

"The quality of a civilisation is not measured by the power of its means, but by the care it is able to offer, by its ability to recognise the other as a face not merely as a function."

Funeral announcements

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

Madeline Walsh

Monday 28th September at St Joseph's 10.30am

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: Pauline Culshaw, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Josephine Duckworth.

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

A Walk along the backbone of England

Thanks to all who prayed for good weather. It seems there was more rain in Darwen than following the clerical traveller. We live in a beautiful place, with huge variety, history and gentle kindness.

Photographs of the journey can be found on the parish website

<https://darwencatholic.org.uk/walking-trip/>

Upon walking

Sometimes I chat
Sometimes in awe
Sometimes the gentle companionship
That the Christ allows
Touches my soul.

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.

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

Grace is everything given to someone who deserves nothing.

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.

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.

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 30th September**. Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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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

Rotas this weekend 3rd and 4th October 2026

Readers Sat 6.15pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11am:** A. Frangleton

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15pm: P. Wardle

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