



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"Two or three gathered in my name
there am I among you"**

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.00 a.m.		School Mass for St Joseph's School
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service followed by tea coffee cake and a long apology from Fr Brian for being somewhere else.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service prayers said for FR Brian he is at the dentist.
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Twenty Fourth 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.

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.

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

Funeral announcements

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

Angela Fisher

Friday 18th September at St Joseph's

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

Anniversary: Raymond Conlon, Angela Proctor, Julie & David Ainsworth Golden Wedding, Irene Gleave Eddie Cunningham Anniversary,

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

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical

"Conversely, there is also a debased form of realism that confuses observation with resignation, arguing that since force prevails, it will always prevail. Authentic realism does not give up on changing the world; indeed it starts by clearly identifying interests, fears, constraints and power dynamics, precisely in order to determine what can be achieved, and the measures needed to achieve it.

Annual walk in the rain

Fr. Brian will again be walking to Appleby on his annual pilgrimage. He will be setting off on Monday 14th September. (not Friday as previously stated). Prayer is a natural consequence of the sights, sounds and confrontation will challenge. Pictures will be published of the awful weather and the stunning scenery on the parish website.

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.

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

It is not your faith which saves, but the One in whom your faith is placed.

THANKYOU

The faith you lived inspired me
The love you shared fed me
The work you celebrated taught me
Much of what I am
you gave me

Local Charity

We have had a additional suggestion for our Christmas charity. It is MACS the only charity specifically supporting individuals born with Microphthalmia (small, underdeveloped eyes), Anophthalmia (no Eyes) or Coloboma (cleft of the eye), and their families. We are still open to further suggestions.

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 9th September** Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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Rotas this 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

Rotas next weekend 12th & 13th September 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am M. Alvarez **11am:** B. Beardsworth

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 P. Craven

Sun 9 am: M. Alvarez **11 am:** T. Kennedy