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“ He will let out the vineyard to other tenants “

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by tea coffee cake and a removal of a triple lock upon the toast.
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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coach Trip to Llangollen

It all began with a search for a viaduct. It was massive and demanded a head for heights. To walk along it in 2026 was difficult, to build it between 1795 and 1805 would have been murderous.

Then the town of Llangollen was fun with canoes riding the rapids on the River Dee. The canal, the steam railway (unfortunately shut) and loads of places to eat. A Museum with a very old Augustinian Monk.

Fr Brian and Luka climbed up to the 12th Century castle on the hill. Then purchased a genuine Welsh fridge magnet produced in the Democratic Republic of China. The Antiques Road Show eat your heart out.

So, for the trip out in Spring next year we are looking toward York and other places. Pray the wars end and the price of diesel goes down.

Live Music Event

The Knights of St Columba have organised 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.

October Rosary

From the **6th October** we start the Rosary for the month of October at St Edwards Church every Tuesday before the 10 o'clock mass, this will start at 9:30a.m. All welcome to join.

Defibrillator

The batteries have been replaced in each of our defibrillator machines. Hopefully they will last as long as the last lot because the machine was never used

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: Steve Mills (LD), Kathleen Marina Chadwick (LD), Teresa Marsden (LD).

Anniversary: Pauline Culshaw, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Josephine Duckworth, Barry Mellor, Neil Christenson.

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

Sunday Sermon

If you did want to read again the Sunday sermons you will find them all on our website under the Newsletter banner

<https://darwencatholic.org.uk/newsletters>

Photos of the Walking Trip

Photographs of the journey can be found on the parish website

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

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.

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

We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.

Taken from Pope Leo Encyclical page 141

"Teaching new generations that technological evolution does not follow a predetermined path, but can be guided by personal and collective responsibility, constitutes one of the most valuable services to the common good"

Christmas Fayre and collection

The charity chosen this year is MACS supporting individuals born with Microphthalmia (small underdeveloped eyes), Anophthalmia (no eyes) or Coloboma (cleft of the eye), and their families. The charity is currently supporting 1500 members around the country. So why not start thinking about loved toys no longer used and the cake stall.



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 7th October**. Please pray for this group and the work it does.



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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

Rotas next weekend 10th and 11th October 2026

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: L. Atherton

Sun 9 am: M. Sweeney **11am:** M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15: P. Aincough

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle **11 am:** P. Corran