



# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**Are you the one who is to come,  
or have we got to wait  
for someone else?**

Third Sunday of Advent		Year A		15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
	St. Joseph's	St. Edward's		
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent	
Monday	9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.	Mass SVP St Joseph's / Prayer Group St Edward's	
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass – followed by coffee morning	
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass	
Thursday		9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	St Edward's School Mass in Church Requiem Mass John Morrin RIP	
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass	
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass - followed by Confessions Vigil Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Sunday	6.15 p.m. 9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent	



## ST BEDE'S ~ PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm - St Joseph's Church

St Bede's School will be leading a celebration of Christmas in words and music, in the newly painted St Joseph's Church.

**ALL WELCOME!**



### SVP Christmas Meal – This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1pm-3pm St Edward's Church Hall

Lists have been collected and numbers counted. If you have any queries please contact SVP via: Chris Avino (07758848559 / 01254 675443) or Cath Unsworth 01254 873980. **(NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER 11am MASS)**

### Christmas Fayre

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre! Special thanks go to Santa for travelling all the way from Lapland, navigating via the Tower! All the stalls were great fun, there was a wonderful atmosphere of community and friendship. We enjoyed and we raised **£3,246; £1,700** via the raffle for Parish funds and the remainder to be split between Macmillan Nurses, Shelter & CAFOD. Blessings all round! **RAFFLE WINNERS** have all been notified and any unclaimed prizes are available for collection. Please ask in the sacristy before/after Mass.

### St Joseph's Open for Christmas!

The beautiful St Joseph's Church has re-opened following the decoration. With corrected roof, sealed walls, re-painting, cleaned carpets, new kneelers and a considerable amount of effort, we return to this Darwen centre of prayer. Many thanks to all who put so much into this restoration and thanks to those who facilitated our Masses in the Parish Hall. Fr Brian takes all the credit without doing any of the work!

### More Scaffolding

As we open the newly decorated St Joseph's Church, so we discover a guttering fault way up at the back of St Joseph's hall. Scaffolding comes down from one building and goes up on another!

### Young People

See Fr Brian if you want to be involved on Christmas Eve.

### Christmas Tree Brooches £4

at the back of St Edward's.  
All proceeds to CAFOD.

### Gift Tags for Tree

Write names of loved ones and place at the altar.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Vigil Family Mass 6.30 pm St Edward's & Solemn Midnight Mass St Joseph's – starts at midnight!

**Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00. a.m. St Joseph's & 11.00 a.m. St Edward's

## Mass intentions received:

**Lately Dead:** John Morrin, Sheila Dolan

**Anniversaries:** Rita Maynard (14<sup>th</sup> Dec), Mary wickers (6<sup>th</sup> Dec),

**Birthday Anniversaries:** David Hine (6<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**Other:** Sick – Jack Maynard, Christmas – Rean, Chris, Jack & David; Peter Dewhurst, Shaun Dewhurst, Nellie Brooks, Joe & Julia Kay, 5 month old sick baby

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## Advent Wreaths

Our advent wreaths look simply great. Thanks to our own flower arrangers and to a local florist at Pick-of-the Bunch for super handiwork.

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## Primary Schools

Congratulations to Year 6 children from St Joseph's and St Edward's for their lovely Advent Carol Service held this year in St Edward's Church on Friday. It is so inspiring to see the staff and children in both our schools join together in music, prayer and community friendship. As the end of term approaches we thank our headteachers for their leadership and wish everyone in our schools a very joyful and peaceful Christmas.

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## New Year's Eve Tower Walk - Meet at Bold Venture Scout Hut 11pm (WEATHER DEPENDENT!)

Why not join us for a special adventure to watch the fireworks and bring in the new year up at Darwen Tower? We will walk the main route past Bold Venture Park to the Tower, which is a steady climb, requiring some level of fitness given the timing, terrain and seasonal weather. Boots are best and a warm hat/gloves essential. Wear warm layers and waterproofs – it will be very cold on the tops even if mild below. You will need a headtorch/torch as it will be dark, even if the moon is bright. A flask/snack is advisable, but no alcohol for safety reasons. We should be back at the Scout Hut by 1am.

### Nightsafe Christmas Appeal

The following items are needed for Christmas:

Washing powder & fabric conditioner

Party food such as crisps, biscuits & chocolates

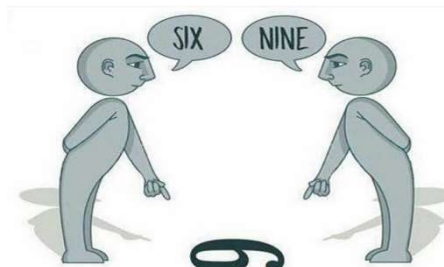
Fruit juice, squash & fizzy pop

Sugar ~ Desserts ~ Tinned fruit cocktail

Cheese & crackers

Pigs in blankets & stuffing

Tinned meals/meats e.g. tuna & corned beef



Just because you are right, does not mean, I am wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.

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## Coach Holiday Plan

We are looking at booking an off-season mid-week break in 2020 which would be all inclusive through the coach company. We envisage staying in one hotel Monday-Friday, with the option of planned day-trip excursions for 3 of the days and evening quizzes. This will be open to our own parishioners and possibly to other parishes in our deanery. We will look at dates and prices once we have talked to the coach company to get a group booking deal. We are proposing either Devon or Scotland this year, so let us know if you have a preference before we negotiate with the coach company next week! WATCH THIS SPACE!

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## Last week's Sunday collections

Offertory (St. Joseph's) £449.10

Offertory (St. Edward's) 2 weeks £665.87 & £417.44

## 200 Club Grand Christmas Draw

This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December after 9am Mass.

Thanks for your support!

## Thank you

Ministries	This week			Next week		
	Saturday 6.15 p.m.	Sunday 9.00 a.m.	Sunday 11.00 a.m.	Saturday 6.15 p.m.	Sunday 9.00 a.m.	Sunday 11.00 a.m.
<b>Readers</b>	C. Garrity A. Gibbs	G. Brindle M. Coster	J. Walsh	L. Atherton D. Witherington	M. Alvarez A.J. Gordon	J. Fitzgerald
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. Barker P. Wardle R. Knowles A. Walsh P. Ainscough	A.J. Gordon M. Alvarez D. Forbes R. Knowles A. Thompson	C. Avino V. Frangleton A. Hewitt F. Watson D.B. Dumsday	P. Wardle C. Garrity A. Gibbs A. Walsh P. Ainscough	G. Brindle A.J. Gordon M.R. Gordon P. Cooney A. Thompson	J. Ainsworth B. Suddick P. Bellusci F. Davis T. Kennedy