

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**Jesus is born of Mary who  
as betrothed to Joseph, son of David.**

| Fourth Sunday of Advent |              | Year A       | 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019                  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|                         | St. Joseph's | St. Edward's |   |
| Sunday                  | 9.00 a.m.    | 11.00 a.m.   | Fourth Sunday of Advent                         |
| Monday                  | 10.00 a.m.   |              | Requiem Mass – Kevin Bellusci RIP               |
| Tuesday                 | Midnight     | 6.30 p.m.    | Christmas Eve Masses – The Nativity of the Lord |
| Wednesday               | 9.00 a.m.    | 11.00 a.m.   | Christmas Day Masses – The Nativity of the Lord |
| Thursday                |              |              | NO MASS   |
| Friday                  | 9.30 a.m.    |              | Requiem Mass – Suzanne Walsh                    |
| Saturday                |              |              | No morning Mass                                 |
|                         | 6.15 p.m.    |              | Vigil Mass – The Holy Family                    |
| Sunday                  | 9.00 a.m.    | 11.00 a.m.   | Sunday Mass – The Holy Family                   |

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

Vigil Family Mass 6.30pm St Edward's & Solemn Midnight Mass St Joseph's 12.00

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

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



### SVP Christmas Meal

It is always a great privilege to see different members of our community coming together to celebrate faith and friendship. Many thanks to the SVP for organising this festive 'party' and to all who supported or facilitated the occasion. A great feast was had by all! BUT...who drank all the sherry?



### St Bede's Carol Concert

What a great celebration of talent in St Joseph's Church this week – WELL DONE ST BEDE'S! Congratulations to all the young musicians who excelled in performance and behaviour; also to the staff for their enthusiasm and inspiration. It was fantastic to see St Joseph's filled with families and parishioners in support of our high school – thanks to everyone who created such a positive atmosphere and community spirit.

## Christmas Thanks

It is amazing how many people contribute to the Roman Catholic community here in Darwen. Most are unaware of the good they do or the number of people they have blessed with their kindness. Fr. Brian would personally like to thank all those who have supported the work of Christ. He is a servant and it is an honour to serve the servants of God. May the simplicity of the birth of the Christ child allow us all to recognise our core beliefs.

**Also...** Fr Brian would also like to thank everyone for the presents and cards received during the festive season and he wishes each and everyone of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

## Church Decoration

This is a good opportunity to thank again all those who have contributed so much to the organisation of decorating both our Churches. We remember and thank all those gone before us who have handed on the faith in so many different ways. Thanks to them and to you the Church in Darwen remains alive.

## Christmas Appeals

All our Christmas Collections this year will go to **Age U.K.** which provides a wide range of support and services across the UK, and locally in Blackburn. Many thanks as always for your generosity with food donations for the Darwen Food Store and for the Nightsafe Christmas Appeal. We appreciate the work of the S.V.P. in managing storage and liaison with the different agencies.

**Mass intentions received:**

**Latently Dead:** John Morrin, Sheila Dolan, Kevin Bellusci, Suzanne Walsh, Dorothy Cockshoot, Sandra Hoad, Maureen Waddicor, Richard Westhead, Margaret Mary Binns, Agi Boros

**Anniversaries:** Peter Summerfield (25<sup>th</sup> Dec), Elizabeth Bolan (24<sup>th</sup> Dec), Peter Scott Munro (21<sup>st</sup> Dec), Harry Grime (4<sup>th</sup> Jan), Thomas Toner (9<sup>th</sup> Dec), Leanore Toner (15<sup>th</sup> Dec), Edward Godwin (22<sup>nd</sup> Dec), Barbara Timms (22<sup>nd</sup> Dec)

**Birthday Anniversaries:** Anne McIver (30<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**Other:** 5 month old sick baby, Nellie Brooks, Our Lady of good remedy, St Jude & St Martin thanksgiving

**Christmas Remembrance:** Clarke family, Poultney family, Sarbach, Mears, Clarkson & Makin families. W.M. Clarkson, Conlon, Wickers & Durkin families, Jean & Stephen Bolan, Sheila Brookes, Grime family, Scott family, Margaret Smith, Joseph Smith, Tom Taylor, George Hacker, Mary & John Howard, Robert Large, Durkin family, Brian Entwistle, Entwistle family, Waddington family, Byrne family, McIntyre family, Joe & Ester Holden, Anne & Tom McIver, Beatrice & Robert Holden, Thomas & Violet McIver, Gerald McIver, Andrew & Bert Hustwit, Eliza Smith, Peter Holden, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Lousia Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox, Catherine, Louise & Frank Howard, Thomas & Lilian Gillett, Ronald & Nancy Howard

**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.

**200 Club Grand Christmas Draw**

|                 |      |     |                   |
|-----------------|------|-----|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £500 | 128 | Joan Toner        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £300 | 131 | Catherine Garrity |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £100 | 64  | Fliss Watson      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | £100 | 191 | Gillian Helliwell |



**R.I.P.**

It is worth noting that there are 8 funerals before 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We remember all those who have died and all who grieve at this time.



**Coach Holiday Plan – off-season mid-week break 2020**

Will it be Devon or will it be Scotland? We are exploring options with the coach company and will confirm details in the new year. 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. WATCH THIS SPACE!

**Last week's Sunday collections**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Offertory (St. Joseph's) | £482.03 |
| Offertory (St. Edward's) | £386.77 |

**Thank you**

**200 Club Weekly Draw**

|                       |     |     |                |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | £40 | 81  | Sheila Jardine |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | £10 | 123 | Sue Maynard    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | £ 5 | 166 | G. Waddington  |

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