

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen



**"Take the child and his mother
and escape into Egypt."**

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The Feast of The Holy Family Year A			29 th December 2019
	St. Joseph's	St. Edward's	
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	The Feast of the Holy Family
Monday	11.00 a.m. 2.15 p.m.		Requiem Mass – Dorothy Cockshoot R.I.P. Requiem Mass – Patricia Hoad R.I.P.
Tuesday	12.30 p.m.		Wedding
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.		Mass – Mary the Holy Mother OF God
Thursday		11.00 a.m. 2.15 p.m.	Requiem Mass – Sheila Dolan R.I.P. Requiem Mass – Maureen Waddicor R.I.P.
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday			No morning Mass Vigil Mass – The Epiphany
Sunday	6.15 p.m. 9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Mass – The Epiphany



Congratulations Michael Grime - BEM

We are delighted to see Michael Grime named in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. Michael has been awarded the British Empire Medal for his numerous services to the community over a great many years. Michael's service includes:

- ~ Work in our Parish as organist at both St Edward's & St Joseph's ~*
 - ~ Scouting leadership with Bold Venture Park Scouts and as District Commissioner ~*
 - ~ Guidance in Martial Arts as Ju Jitsu Instructor ~*
 - ~ Involvement with those in need through Darwen Asylum and Refugee Enterprise ~*
- Michael is a true servant of God and a most worthy recipient of this honour.
BUT... he is a Darrener born & bred so there is no need to call him "Sir"!*

Christmas Collections for Age U.K.

Our combined collection this year totalled: **£1677.79**. A huge thanks for your generosity and kindness.

Christmas Masses

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Mass celebrations; those who cleaned and decorated the Churches, those who sang so beautifully and created music, those who read and everyone who created an atmosphere of joy in the community. We are indeed blessed and have a lot to celebrate!

Happy New Year

In 2019 both of our Churches have been decorated as a result of the generosity of those in heaven and on earth. There has been an enormous amount of activity in the community. (On one occasion stripped down to the basics!) We look forward to 2020. May there be dignity and fun and may the love of Christ be expressed in the laughter of the children and the contentment of the adults.

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.

Mass intentions received:

Lately Dead: Sheila Dolan, Kevin Bellusci, Suzanne Walsh, Dorothy Cockshoot, Sandra Hoad, Maureen Waddicor, Richard Westhead, Margaret Mary Binns, John Holt

Anniversaries: Frank Helliwell (26th Dec), James Culshaw (31st Dec),

Birthday Anniversaries: Brian Entwistle (1st Jan), Margaret Smith

Other: Our Lady of good remedy, special intention, John Walsh, Frank Davis,

New Year Remembrance: Peter Stokes, Frank & Nora Gavagan

Golden Wedding Celebrations ~ Congratulations to John & Ann Brown

The happy couple were married at St Edward's on 27th December 1969 and will renew their vows this Sunday at 11 a.m. Mass. We congratulate them on 50 years filled with love, life and laughter. Ad Multos Annos!

THANK YOU

Fr Brian would like to thank everyone for the Christmas presents and cards he has received... including a deeply prized Earl Grey Tea-Maker with a pair of egg-timers scientifically set at 5 minutes for dark teas and 3 minutes for light teas, to create perfection in the art of brewing. Fr Brian pretentious... "MOI?"

NEW YEAR 2020 What is your Resolution?

Cut out sugar in your tea; Write a 5-line diary every night; Go for a walk once week;

Go to bed early once a week; Read something challenging each week;

Let 2 people out as you drive through Darwen; Smile at the mention of Brexit;

Use re-useable bags at the supermarket; Listen to Radio 4 once a week;

Recognise one thing which you did well each day.

May this year be one in which you take up the challenge and ENJOY!

New Offertory Envelopes (Gift Aid) 2019

These are now, or soon will be, available for collection from the back of both Churches. Most numbers remain unchanged, but please check your name on the box. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Recycling Christmas Bags/Gifts?

Any used Christmas bags or unwanted presents can be left at the back of Church to be used next year for the homeless and poor in our community. Many thanks for your support over the year from Blackburn Salvation Army Hostel, T.H.O.M.A.S, DARE and Maryvale Hostel.

Mass Intentions

If seeking a Mass Intention, please place your offering in an envelope upon which is written: Mass Intention along with the nature of the intention e.g. name of deceased, lately dead, anniversary, birthday anniversary or any other intention with name and purpose. PLEASE POST ENVELOPE THROUGH THE LETTER BOX OF THE PRESBYTERY AT EITHER CHURCH for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

We are very grateful to all who organise and support this community activity each week. Together you have helped to raise a total of £1023.23, with donations to CAFOD, SVP Youth, Chaplaincy Meetings, First Communion Party, Mozambique Fund, Darwen Foodbank and Refugee Support.

COMPETITION: Again there is a prize for the first person who can present Fr Brian with an Easter Egg!



Last week's Sunday collections

Offertory (St. Joseph's) £611.44
Offertory (St. Edward's) £470.42

Thank you

200 Club Weekly Draw

1 st prize	£40	87	Celia Brown
2 nd prize	£10	46	Elliot Jolley
3 rd prize	£ 5	52	Michael Coster

Ministries

This week

Next week

	<i>Saturday</i> <i>6.15 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>9.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Saturday</i> <i>6.15 p.m.</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>9.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>11.00 a.m.</i>
Readers	S. Davis A. Barker	J. Baker P. Cooney	J. Ainsworth	D. Ross B. Hughes	I. Fielden A.J. Gordon	A. Atkinson
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Walsh R. Knowles A. Barker C. Garrity A. Gibbs	D. Forbes M. Alvarez R. Knowles M.R. Gordon G. Brindle	F. Watson V. Frangleton A. Hewitt C. Avino D.B.Dumsday	A. Thompson A.J.Gordon M. Alvarez G. Brindle P. Cooney	A.Gibbs P. Wardle R. Knowles A. Walsh P. Ainscough	F. Watson V. Frangleton A. Hewitt C. Avino D.B.Dumsday