



" I am gentle and humble of heart."

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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14th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 5th July 2020

	St. Joseph's	St. Edward's	
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass – 14 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass Private funeral Rosemary Thompson R.I.P.
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
		11.00 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass 15 th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

Live Mass Salford Cathedral 11am
<https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Cathedrals Weekly Live Mass Thursdays 7pm (YouTube)
[9th July Bishop Tom Williams Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool](#)

RE-OPENING SOON

WELCOME BACK TO MASS

St Joseph's & St Edward's will re-open for Sunday Masses on 25th/26th July.
Fr Brian is absolutely delighted that he will soon be joined by the praying Roman Catholic community of Darwen; the physical presence of the Body of Christ in our town. We continue to be conscious of our obligation to care for each other and not spread the virus if vulnerable in any way. But it is still wonderful that people will be coming to back to Mass and we look forward to seeing you!



CAUTION

SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUSPENDED
So, although you may want to come to Mass, you must also be aware of your family obligations.
If you are in ANY way vulnerable you are discouraged from coming to Mass.

GETTING READY

We are working hard to ensure a safe environment for when we return to Mass. Preparations have been made to welcome people back into both our Churches at the end of July:

- Cleaning materials purchased & plan established
- Stewards appointment & training planned
- Booking system ready to operate
- Signage in place
- Hand sanitising stations set up
- Seating bays created with 2m social distancing
- Removal of holy water, candles hymn books, sheets etc
- Removal of toys & children's play area
- Closure of piety stall
- Restricted access areas marked
- PPE available for volunteers

Thanks to everyone involved.



BOOKING SUNDAY MASS
There will be 3 phone numbers & bookings will be by text only, Mon-Sat 10-4pm. TEXT: **SURNAME - MASS - NO. OF PLACES** e.g. Smith 9am 2 places.
A simple YES /NO reply will be returned.
Texts will be kept for 21 days in case required for the NHS trace & test system.

PLEASE BE PATIENT - IT WILL BE DIFFERENT
Both Churches have radically reduced capacity to facilitate social distancing. Seating bays have been created for 1 individual or 2 members of the same household. Larger family groups will need to be split into different bays. Children need to remain in bays with parents and there will be no play area or wandering around church. All parishioners will be met by appointed stewards. Your co-operation and courtesy will be appreciated. There is to be no physical contact or chat. Everyone will be asked to sanitise hands on the way in and on the way out. Stewards will guide everyone to seats to remain there for Mass. There is no congregational singing. Fr Brian will go round with communion after a shared prayer. The Eucharist will be received in silence on the hand.
ALL TOILETS REMAIN CLOSED

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Kathleen Narboni, Rosemary Thompson, Mark Cox

Anniversaries: James Cowell (29th May), Desmond Ardis (4th July), Ralph Hughes (4th July)

Birthday Anniversaries: Winifred Pattinson (7th July), Mary Howard, Robert Large

Other: Howard Family, John Howard

Please pray for the people of Hong Kong



CORONAVIRUS – CHURCHES CLOSED & PARISH ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

See links to the guidance from: The Government, The Bishops Conference & Salford Diocese:

<http://www.darwencatholic.org.uk/> & [facebook.com/DarwenCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/DarwenCatholic)

THIS SUSPENSION LIFTS OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Parishioners can join in spiritual communion and/or watch live streaming of Mass via: <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Fr Brian's sermons are published with the newsletter on our website.

DARWEN 'CHURCH TV' LIVE STREAMING COMING SOON!



The Lord's Day at Home

This Sunday prayer service is published on our website homepage each week.

Wednesday Word

<http://wednesdayword.org.uk>

Children's Liturgy Facebook

Emily Rainsford's "Children's Liturgy during lockdown".

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Many thanks for all donations! It is now 3 months since there have been regular collections at Church. Much as the people of Darwen have faithfully contributed over many years, we do still need a key income to maintain our Parish Churches. You will have noticed that we have taken advantage of lockdown to get a lot of work done, dipping into reserves. Fr Brian would like to thank all those who have contributed in anyway during lockdown and asks, moving forward, that if possible everyone can resume their regular contribution.

Saved envelopes/contributions can be passed on when we re-open for Mass at the end of July.

Details for online transfers and standing orders are:

Bank Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart Account no. 40835803 Sort code: 205534**



FUNERAL UP-DATE FROM 13th July

Under Covid19 up to now, funeral services have taken place either at the crematorium or the cemetery graveside. This will continue for the crematorium. As an act of kindness with changeable weather, those who are going to the cemetery can now have a service but not Mass, in Church. Numbers in Church will be restricted to 30 and all will be obliged to follow the conventions instituted to deal with the Covid19 crisis.

BAPTISMS UP-DATE

PLEASE DON'T CONTACT US JUST YET

There is a back-log of baptisms from before lockdown. Those families already booked will be contacted this week and be given first choice of dates. Further bookings will be announced once the calendar is re-scheduled. Keep checking the newsletter until availability is announced.

THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS

Diocesan Regulations state:

"Baptisms should be for one child only on each occasion and should be limited to immediate family and godparents. The child should be held exclusively by a parent. The sign of the cross by parents and godparents should be done 'remotely' and the anointings done with a cotton wool swab. The water used for the baptism should be disposed of."

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We have been advised that the celebration of First Communions should be delayed until the autumn, at the earliest. We will keep everybody informed as the situation evolves.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

At this time, the use of traditional confessionals is to be avoided. Measures are being put in place so that confessions can be heard safely in the future.



PLEASE REMEMBER

Regular hand-washing and effective social distancing are crucial to controlling the virus.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER CHURCH IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS ANY COVID19 SYMPTOMS

A high temperature ~ A new continuous cough
A loss or change to sense of taste and smell.