



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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*"The Almighty has done great things
for me, he has exalted the lowly."*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A

16th August 2020

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass - Feast of The Assumption (HAVE YOU BOOKED?)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass - Feast of The Assumption (HAVE YOU BOOKED?)
Monday			NO MASS – Deep Clean Day
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Wednesday	9.15 a.m. 12 noon		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass Private funeral - Francesca Caparelli R.I.P. LIVE STREAM
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Saturday	10.00 a.m. 6.15 p.m.		Private funeral - Philomena McDonagh R.I.P. LIVE STREAM Mass - 21 st Sunday Ordinary Time A (PLEASE BOOK)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass - 21 st Sunday Ordinary Time A (PLEASE BOOK)



OPEN SUNDAY MASSES
PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE

**OPEN
SUNDAY**

CLOSED WEEKDAY MASSES
PLEASE STAY SAFE



BOOKING SUNDAY MASS

Bookings are by text only.

Saturday 6.15pm: 07772 257315
Sunday 9am: 07598 908987
Sunday 11am: 07722 889932

Lines open 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.*



REMINDER OF CHURCH COVID19 LAYOUT

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 be split into different bays. Children need to remain in bays with parents and there is no play area or wandering!

All parishioners are met by appointed stewards.
Your co-operation and courtesy is appreciated.

There is no physical contact or chat. Everyone is asked to sanitise hands on the way in and way out.

Stewards guide everyone to seats for Mass. There is no congregational singing. Fr Brian will go round with communion after a shared prayer. The Eucharist is received in silence on the hand. Social distancing should be maintained on the way out and no gatherings should be formed outside.

ALL TOILETS REMAIN CLOSED



FACE MASKS COMPULSORY

It is now mandatory for anyone over 11 to wear a face mask or face



The campaign in Burma is not forgotten, We pray in thanksgiving for those who gave their lives and sacrificed so much for our freedom.

ST JOSEPH'S LIVE STREAMING

Watch Mass live in St Joseph's
Saturday 6.15pm & Sunday 9am

<https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen>

*The link is on our website and facebook or
google Church Services TV Darwen.*



Pope Francis on The Feast of the Assumption 15th August

Mary's advice to us, the Holy Father said, lies in her song, the "Magnificat" – "My soul magnifies the Lord". "If we forget the good," the Pope warned, "the heart shrinks." "But if, like Mary, we remember the great things that the Lord does, if at least once a day we were to "magnify" Him, then our hearts will expand, and our joy will increase. Read the full message from Pope Francis on this joyful feast day on Vatican News:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-08/pope-francis-angelus-mary->



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Frances Wilson, Lesley Cox, Louise Gornall (aged 34), Francesca Caparelli, Philomena McDonagh

Anniversaries: Russell Cowell (10th Aug), Michael John Kerrane (21st Aug),

Other: Alex



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC UPDATE

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED

We are now re-open for Sunday Masses by a booking system as numbers are limited.

All other groups and activities are still suspended.

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

You can join in spiritual communion and/or watch live streaming of Mass via:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/Darwen>

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

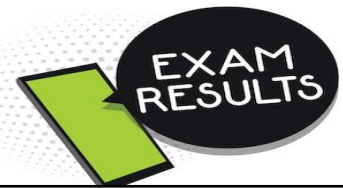


**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS IF YOU ARE VULNERABLE IN ANY WAY
STAY AT HOME IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS ANY COVID19 SYMPTOMS**

Sunday Mass Order of Service & Readings

Sunday readings: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Order of Mass: [PDF file on our website homepage](#)



Lancashire Lockdown Continues

Public Health England warned this weekend that stricter lockdown measures may be enforced in the county and borough as the rate of infection remains really high. The message was clear: unless things are brought under control soon, actions could be taken that are beyond local control.

THE ADVICE IS THE SAME

*Maintain social distancing 2 metres apart.
Follow regular & rigorous hygiene measures.
Wear a face mask/covering in all public places.
Avoid gatherings.
Follow regulations and guidance issued.*



Unprecedented Grades

1. Some schools mark severely in mocks to make students work harder.
2. Some schools are lenient in mocks to encourage students to keep going.

So, results and predictions will vary. Pray for the poor young people who are now subject to these dilemmas



San Remo – Pizzas

219 Duckworth Street, Darwen, BB3 1AU

Fr Brian occasionally gets a pizza from San Remo's. He noticed the parking space has been blocked by the Council and the pub trade has gone. Please support an established Catholic business – BUY A PIZZA!

<https://sanremodarwen.co.uk/>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Our weekly collections have resumed, preferably by standing order or online bank transfer. There is a collection box in Church for those who have booked Mass. Donations can also be posted or delivered to either presbytery.

Online transfers & standing orders:

Bank Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

Account no. **40835803**

Sort code: **205534**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Darwen Methodist Church Bright Street

We are deeply saddened to hear of the vandalism and destruction which has happened over the weekend. This Church, like our own, has only just re-opened for worship in recent weeks and a fair amount of money has been spent to make the building fit for use. Vandals broke into the church and trashed the place, setting fire to the kitchen. This is a devastating blow to the community, please remember them in your prayers.



TRIP REFUNDS

All trips were cancelled some weeks ago due to the COVID19 restrictions. If you would like a refund cheque please send an SAE to St Joseph's and a clear note stating: **Refund for Trip - Name of Trip, Your Name & Amount paid.**

Alternatively we will transfer your payments to the next trips, when it is practical to start re-booking!