



"Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming."

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1st Sunday Advent B 29th November 2020

St. Joseph's		St. Edward's	
Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – 1st Sunday Advent B
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 1st Sunday Advent B
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 <i>1pm Private Funeral Service Adrian Brookfield R.I.P.</i>
Thursday		9.15a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Vigil Mass – 2nd Sunday Advent B Mass – 2nd Sunday Advent B



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

RE-OPEN FOR SUNDAY MASS
FROM SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER
BOOKINGS ONLY PLEASE



CLOSED FOR WEEKDAY MASS

As a result of the continued Tier 3 restrictions, mid-week Masses will remain on camera (St Joseph's) or Fr Brian alone (St Edward's).

PLEASE STAY SAFE

Our Churches are not opening for Private Prayer for many reasons but we are all encouraged to find time for prayer in different ways in our lives.

SUNDAY MASS

PLEASE DON'T JUST TURN UP!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN ADVANCE

Text only - kept 21 days NHS tracing.

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.



World Aid Budget

Pope Francis has pointed out in his latest encyclical, that a poor world is a dangerous world. It is in our own interests therefore to invest aid in developing countries.



ADVENT APPEAL 2020

First Week of Advent - Let us Pray for Hope

All our Christmas collections will go to CAFOD.

There will be a collection box in Church for the

Christmas Masses and any online Christmas donations for Christmas will be added to this. Or donations can be sent to either presbytery during Advent marked: **CHRISTMAS CAFOD COLLECTION**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

Quiet Vigil Mass 6.30 pm St Edward's
Solemn Midnight Mass St Joseph's 12.00 midnight!

Christmas Day - Friday 25th December

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

BOOKING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Details will be published next week.

NO BOOKINGS YET PLEASE



Christmas Will Be Different – Let us Celebrate What We Have



Eid was cancelled, Diwali was cancelled, and for Christians, Christmas will be much simpler this year. Strangely those of faith are less concerned about the excess of this annual festival than those without.

P.S. Fr Brian's Uncle Jimmy will not be covering his house with lights all the way down the street!

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Fr John Troy, Georgina Lennon, Fr. Alexander Makulski, Eileen Porter, Adrian Brookfield, Salvatore Turco

Anniversaries: Mary Louisa Kerrane (3rd Dec)

Birthday Anniversaries: Derek Walsh (28th Nov)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Holy Souls, Pauline Edwards (sick), Alan Almond (remembrance)

Live-Streaming at St Joseph's

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



Sunday Order of Service & Readings

Readings: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage

What are you doing for Advent?

During Covid this is very important. We must keep our minds and bodies fit! So, this Christmas prepare with healthy patterns of behaviour.

GET UP! Clean up... Do a crossword... Write a letter... Phone a friend... Turn the TV off... Go for a walk... Read a book... Bake a cake... Complete a jigsaw... Play music... Limit Alcohol...

It's cold and it's dark; routines can be lost and we can become lethargic. Be alert. Stay awake. Do something this Advent to celebrate life and to keep physically and mentally fit through winter.



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 SUNDAY OBLIGATION

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

Visit our website & facebook for sermons & newsletter.

PREPARING THE WAY

Advent at Home

A great suggestion from our Diocese. From December 1st, read 1 chapter of the Book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life, renewing the sense of why we celebrate Christmas within yourself.



COVID-19 UPDATE

FUNERALS – MAXIMUM 30

BAPTISMS – MAXIMUM 6

WEDDINGS – MAXIMUM 15

Fr Brian's Walks

Please say a prayer for Fr Brian this Sunday as he goes walking. Last Sunday he got his timing wrong and came across Darwen Golf Course in pitch black darkness. He was led by a star!

St Joseph's School News

Many thanks to everyone in school for supporting the Food Larder with generous donations from the Harvest Festival.

WELL DONE ST JOSEPH'S!

St Edward's School News

Eco Leader, Miss Cowell, is appealing for old unwanted gardening tools that could be donated to school for their Eco Project.

PLEASE CONTACT ST EDWARD'S

Christmas Tree Prayer Tags

During Advent you are invited to: Write the name of a loved one on a Christmas gift-tag and post through either presbytery door. Or email names titled Prayer Tree Tags to: admin@darwencatholic.org.uk



Parish Christmas Card

We have 181 cards ready for delivery! Thank you for all the nominations and help to prepare these.

Nominations Can still be sent by Email:

admin@darwencatholic.org.uk

Christmas Card Nomination & Name & Address of nominee

Or post through either presbytery door.



Hello again...

I've sent a message to Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Knowles to say I will be coming to St Joseph's & St Edward's schools in a few weeks. I will also be doing my rounds on Christmas Eve. Christmas will be different this year, but we can still have some fun!

Love Santa xxx



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Donations can go to either house or online.

Online transfers / standing orders:

Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

Account no. **40835803**

Sort code: **205534**

Many thanks for your support!

