



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**"The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him."**

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

8th November

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

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| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | | Vigil Mass – 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Mass – 32nd 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 |
| Thursday | | 9.15a.m. | Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass |
| Friday | 11.00 a.m. | | Private funeral service – Michael Hatzar R.I.P. (<i>Live streamed</i>) |
| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | 9.15 a.m. | Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Mass – 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time |

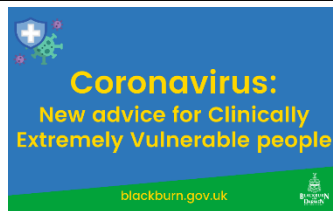


**CHURCHES CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY

The virus is clearly rife in the community at present. There are growing numbers who have succumbed to it with varying degrees of incapacity. IT IS NO JOKE!. Follow this link to read guidance from local authority: bit.ly/3kZ4vJz. We need to think about others as well as ourselves.



CORONAVIRUS & THE CHURCH

Ironically, community is what this virus will feed off. So we have a real problem. If you are personally vulnerable then your visit to another home increases risk. This is the dilemma. We have a moral obligation to consider all factors involved. Our faith is not superstitious, so **listen to the scientists**. We need to take government advice seriously to reduce spreading the virus, because we love one another. **Stay Home & Keep Your Distance!**

Remembrance Sunday

We have had a lot of deaths this year, many of whom were of the generations that lived through the wars. Let us remember them and all who have died in conflict. May we learn the lessons of history so the horrors of war are not repeated.



Alcohol

Be aware that alcohol is a depressant and it is all too easy to finish the bottle when there is little else to do.

November Holy Souls

There will be a basket in front of the altar at St Joseph's where there is live streaming. If you wish to remember departed loved ones:

1. Write name on paper
2. Place in sealed envelope.
3. Write 'Holy Souls' on envelope.
3. Post through either presbytery door

Alternatively

1. Email title 'Holy Souls'
2. Send email to:
admin@darwencatholic.org.uk



NO MONEY PLEASE

Christmas Card Nominations



We have a Parish Christmas card to send to anyone in our community who may appreciate being remembered. If you know anyone who would like to receive a card please nominate via: **Email:** admin@darwencatholic.org.uk **Christmas Card Nomination & Name & Address of nominee**
Or post through either presbytery door.

BOOKING CHRISTMAS MASSES AFTER LOCKDOWN

If we re-open in time for Christmas, we assume Covid restrictions will still be essential. Places in Church will therefore be limited and must be booked in advance.

**BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL NOW
BE PUBLISHED AFTER LOCKDOWN**

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Annette Thompson, Michael Coster, Bernard Wood, Ellen McGlown, Peter Freyn Gladys Geraghty, Pasquale Morante, Jack Maynard, Michael Hatzar (Mick)

Anniversaries: Blanche Elizabeth Grime (13th Nov)

Birthday Anniversaries: Peter Summerfield (14th Nov)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Frank Jennings (remembrance), Alex, Holy Souls

Jack Maynard R.I.P. – Funeral Chorley

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

Thursday 12th November 10.30am



Gareth Bird – St Mary's College

Please continue to pray for this young man, who remains critically ill after a car crash.

Funerals Live-Streamed St Joseph's

Michael Hatzar R.I.P. Friday 13th November 11am



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

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.

One Family in Lockdown

Fr Brian encourages you to pick an individual family or household to see if there is a need; and respond to that need if possible. A phone-call or message is not infectious. We can take care of each other from a distance and there are practical ways of helping or reassuring without increasing risk.

Sunday Mass

Order of Service & Readings

Readings: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage



APF – Mission Boxes

Details will be published in the new year for emptying these special collections.



CAFOD APPEAL

We will launch our Christmas appeal in Advent with details of how to donate. All Christmas collections will go to CAFOD.



Darwen Food Larder

<https://www.facebook.com/Darwen-Food-Larder-102327351664711>

Darwen Food Larder is dedicated to providing emergency food for anyone in crisis in Darwen. To request an emergency food package, Direct Message facebook page, phone 01254 705120 or email DarwenFL1@gmail.com.

Donations: St Joseph's Church BB3 2PG.

Food packages can be left in plastic carriers, in the car-park shelter. Volunteers will there at regular intervals to move items to the store.

Lockdown: The Food Larder will continue to operate.

When contact has been made and need assessed, parcels will be prepared and made available for collection from The Meeting Place, Croft St, Darwen. The Food Larder volunteers will contact people to arrange collection, aiming for a turnaround within 48 hours.

Thanks: Sincere thanks to all involved in this enterprise. Thanks also to everyone who has donated to The Larder, which couldn't operate without such generosity.

Family, Solitude & Separation

God gives you your family and you choose your friends. Some of you are left with only the presence of your family at the moment. Others are left without. Try and enjoy those closest to you. Celebrate the good things and encourage the fun. For those of you on your own or away from loved ones, enjoy the peace while it lasts and don't listen to the news too much; there is nothing new to be said. You are wonderful and that needs to be recognised at this time.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

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!



Staying Positive at Home

It seems to Fr Brian that it is important to timetable your day. Doing nothing can be as tiring and frustrating as doing something. But remember there is no one right way to handle this situation; different structures for different homes.