



"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

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3rd Sunday Advent B

13th December 2020

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – 3 rd Sunday Advent B
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 3 rd 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
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 – 4 th Sunday Advent B Mass – 4 th Sunday Advent B



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS - PLEASE DON'T JUST TURN UP

TEXT ONLY [Lines open Mon-Sat 10-4pm](#) BOOK ONE MASS ONLY:

CHRISTMAS - SURNAME – MASS TIME - NO. OF PLACES

e.g. *Christmas Brown 6.15pm 2 places* A simple YES /NO reply will be returned.

Christmas Eve

6.15pm Vigil St Joseph's: **FULLY BOOKED**

Midnight St Edward's: **07772 257315**

Christmas Day

9.00. a.m. St Joseph's: **07598 908987**

11.00 a.m. St Edward's: **07722 889932**



Stay Alert

Christmas is coming but the virus has not gone away. We all have a duty to protect ourselves in order to protect others. Please remember

**HANDS
FACE
SPACE**



A Christmas Carol

Fr Brian reads Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' every year and highly recommends that you also read this story of redemption.

Bah Humbug!

Parish Contribution

Parish monies have been used to buy Christmas gifts for young people in residential care. Remember them in your prayers during the festive season.

Gaudete Sunday REJOICE

Fr Brian always enjoys the third Sunday of Advent when he gets to wear PINK! Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration which serves as a mid-point break from the usual penitential period of Advent, to rejoice in the nearness of Christmas and the miracle of Jesus's birth.



Rejoice Sunday

Christmas Trees & Crib

The trees are now in place at both Churches and will be decorated with the prayer gift tags we have received. St Edward's crib looks wonderful and we look forward to seeing St Joseph's crib during the week. Thanks to the individuals involved with these jobs behind closed doors. Sadly, we cannot gather in teams to prepare the Churches this Christmas, but nothing of the wonder is lost. We will post photos on our website and facebook pages next week.

SUNDAY MASS - PLEASE BOOK DON'T JUST TURN UP!

Text only - kept 21 days NHS tracing.

Saturday 6.15pm: 07772 257315

Sunday 9am: 07598 908987

Sunday 11am: 07722 889932

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SURNAME - MASS - NO. OF PLACES;

e.g. **Smith 9am 2 places.**

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Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Adrian Brookfield, Salvatore Turco, Jamie Humphries (young Mum), Samantha Scott (aged 44)

Anniversaries: Brian Christopher Walsh (11th Dec),

Birthday Anniversaries: Margaret Hodgson (13th Dec), Christopher Burke (14th Dec)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Ashleigh & Kai, Philomena McDonagh

Christmas: Jo & Esther Holden, McIntyre Family

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.

Live-Stream 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

Advent & Christmas at Home

Salford Diocese has published a range of resources to prepare for Christmas at home. We will share the links on our website and facebook:

[Advent at Home: Resources - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)



Happy Holidays

We congratulate everyone involved in our schools for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. We are blessed with wonderful children, dedicated staff, committed governors and supportive parents. We wish them all a well-earned break and a chance to re-charge their batteries after such a challenging period.



ADVENT APPEAL 2020

Third Week of Advent - Let us Pray for JOY.

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 marked: **CHRISTMAS CAFOD COLLECTION**

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!

Hello Children...

Father Christmas is very much looking forward to seeing you all in St Edward's & St Joseph's schools this week. I hope you'll be especially good and be kind to everyone.

Love from Mrs Claus

xxx



Thanks...for the Thanks

We have had such a wonderful response to the Parish Christmas Card. THANK YOU, YOU ARE WORTH IT!



Nominations Can still be sent by Email:

admin@darwencatholic.org.uk

Christmas Card Nomination & Name & Address of nominee

Or post through either presbytery door.

Vatican Square Christmas Display

"This year, even more than usual, the setting up of the traditional space dedicated to Christmas in St. Peter's Square aims to be a sign of hope and faith for the whole world," said a press release from the Vatican.

The Christmas display "wants to express the certainty that Jesus comes among his people to save and console them," it said, "an important message in this difficult time due to the COVID-19 health emergency."

The unveiling of the nativity scene and lighting of the Christmas tree took place Dec. 11. Both will be displayed until Jan. 10, 2021, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.