



"Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son."

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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4th Sunday Advent B

20th December 2020

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – 4th Sunday Advent B		Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 4th 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	6.15 p.m.		11am Private funeral service Catherine Yates R.I.P. Quiet Christmas Eve Mass Solemn Midnight Mass		
Friday	9.00 a.m.	11.am.	Christmas Day Mass		
Saturday			Boxing Day - NO MASSES		
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass - The Holy Family		

**NO MASSES BOXING DAY
Saturday 26th December**



**Sunday 27th December
PLEASE BOOK**

Text only - kept 21 days NHS tracing.

Sunday 9am: 07598 908987

Sunday 11am: 07722 889932

NO VIGIL MASS

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER



**CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS
PLEASE DON'T JUST TURN UP**



**TEXT ONLY Lines open Mon-Sat 10-4pm ONE MASS ONLY:
CHRISTMAS - SURNAME – MASS TIME - NO. OF PLACES**

e.g. Christmas Brown 9am 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 5 bays left

Christmas Day

9.00. a.m. St Joseph's: 07598 908987 9 bays left

11.00 a.m. St Edward's: 07722 889932 15 bays left



Christmas Thanks

Even through the Covid crisis, it is amazing how many people contribute to the Roman Catholic community here in Darwen. Most are unaware of the good they do or the number of people they have blessed with their kindness. Fr. Brian would personally like to thank all those who have supported the work of Christ. He is a servant, and it is an honour to serve the servants of God. May the simplicity of the birth of the Christ child allow us all to recognise our core beliefs.

Also... Fr Brian would also like to thank everyone for the presents and cards received during the festive season and he wishes each and everyone of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



**Fourth Week of Advent
Let us Pray for PEACE**

All our Christmas collections will go to CAFOD. There will be a collection box in Church at 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**



LISTEN TO THE SCIENTISTS

As the news breaks with changing restrictions let us remember our duty to protect each other.

Lockdown

Fr Brian presumes that after Christmas our area may will be in full lockdown again. We have the live streaming of Masses, but must remember that the sabbath was made for man not man for the sabbath.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Jamie Humphries, Samantha Scott, Eileen Porter, Catherine Yates

Anniversaries: Frank Helliwell (26th Dec), Paul Jackson, Bernard Healy (4th Dec), Barbara Timms (22nd Dec), Nancy & Ronald Haworth (24th Dec), Peter Summerfield (25th Dec)

Birthday Anniversaries: Christopher Burke (14th Dec), Anne McIver (30th Dec),

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Ashleigh & Kai, Walsh Family, Maureen Watson (sick), Winifred Cooper, Phyl & family

Birthday Greetings: Eileen Helliwell 75 years young (19th Dec)

Christmas Remembrance: Jo & Esther Holden, McIntyre Family, Margaret & Joseph Smith, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox, Joe & Esther Holden, Anne & Tom McIver, Violet & Thomas McIver, Beatrice & Robert Holden, Peter Holden, Eliza Smith, Winifred Pattinson, Jackie & Gerald McIver, Bert & Andrew Hustwit, Conon Family, Wickers Family, Durkin Family, Jennings Family, Catherine Louise Haworth, Frank Haworth, Tom & Lillian Gillet, John & Mary Howard, Robert Large, Taylor Family, Howard Family, George & Annie Hackett, Eileen & Frank Graham, Durkin Family, Large 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



*Thanks Children!
It was great to see you in school this week, from a distance. I'll be doing my rounds on Christmas Eve, so make sure you're fast asleep!
HO HO HO!
Father Christmas*



Excitement Overload

Great gasps greeted Father Christmas as he toured both our primary schools this week. The joy was wonderful to see and the best quote of the week came from a little boy at St Edward's:

Child: "Father Christmas, please can you have a word with my elf? He stole chocolate from my advent calendar. Will you talk to him."

Santa: I will! He won't be coming from the North Pole next year, he can stay packing presents!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint; when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist."

(Dom Helder Camara)

Star of Bethlehem 2020



This Monday, marks the Winter Solstice or 'Shortest Day'. Jupiter and Saturn are set to cross paths in the night sky, appearing to the naked eye as a "double planet".

The timing of this conjunction, as the celestial event is known, has caused some to suggest it may have been the source of a bright light in the sky 2,000 years ago. That became known as the Star of Bethlehem. The planets are moving closer together each night and will reach their closest point on 21 December.



Thanks go Darwen Rotary, and to all the faith communities of our town, who continue to support and work with the Food Larder. All donations of food are greatly appreciated by those in need.

Donations can be left at St Joseph's Church in the car-park shelter.

<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 via facebook, phone 01254 705120 or email: DarwenFL1@gmail.com**

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!

