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"The child grew, filled with wisdom."

Feast of The Holy Family

27th December 2020

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Day	St. Joseph's	St. Edward's	Notes
Saturday			NO VIGIL MASS
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – The Holy Family
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		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Saturday			Vigil Mass - 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 2nd Sunday after Christmas



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

Happy New Year

We all had such plans for 2020. Little did we know this time last year, that a global pandemic would dominate the world, resulting in major restrictions and significant changes to the way we live. Let us pray that we can move forward positively in 2021, despite COVID and the challenges this has brought. May there always be dignity and fun and may the love of Christ be expressed in the laughter of the children and the contentment of the adults.

New Year 2021 - What is your Resolution?

Cut out sugar in your tea; Write a 5-line diary every night; Go for a walk once week; Go to bed early once a week; Read something challenging each week; Let 2 people out as you drive through Darwen; Smile at the mention of Brexit; Use re-useable bags at the supermarket; Listen to Radio 4 once a week; Recognise one thing which you did well each day. May this year be one in which you take up the challenge and ENJOY!

COVID CHRISTMAS - FESTIVE PHOTOS

Send us your snaps for a 'slide-show'.

Deadline Sunday 31st January 2021

This is just for fun to cheer us all up and to share some community spirit. You have a month to send in your **lovely, funny & memorable** photos from the Christmas period 2020. We will then create our slideshow to warm winter hearts and select prize winners for each category. Choose up to 3 photos and simply **WhatsApp to: 07762 745387**

Or via Facebook messenger to Darwen Catholic, or email as an attachment, to: admin@darwencatholic.org.uk



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

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.



Christmas Masses

Our celebrations have been simpler and quieter this year. We remember and thank all those gone before us who have handed on the faith in so many ways. Thanks to them and to you the Church in Darwen remains alive.

Thanks still go to all who contributed to the Christmas Masses. Those who cleaned and prepared the Churches, those who organised the bookings, those who created music, those who were able to join us in person or share via live-stream, those who were with us in spirit. We can still create an atmosphere of joy in the community; we are indeed blessed and have a lot to celebrate!



Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of Love.

— Pope Francis —

THANK YOU

Fr Brian would like to thank everyone for the Christmas presents and cards he has received... including the many *wottles of bine & bans of ceer!* He is delighted with the fantastic, ultra-bright head-torch, which he is using to read in bed!

Mass Intentions

Latently Dead: Eileen Porter, Catherine Yates

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Boland (24th Dec), James Culsaw (31st Dec)

Birthday Anniversaries: Brian Entwistle (1st Jan)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Grime Family, Scott family,

Christmas Remembrance: Jean Boland, Sheila Brooks, Elizabeth & Stephen Boland, Jennings Family, Robinson, Entwistle & Waddington Family

CORONAVIRUS – CHURCHES CLOSED MID-WEEK & 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>

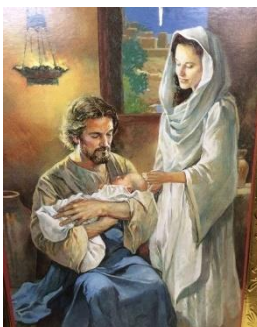
Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage

The Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I give you my heart and my soul.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
assist me in my last agony.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
may I breathe forth my soul
in peace with you. AMEN.*



Fr Peter McKie R.I.P.

We remember in our prayers, this former curate at St Edward's 1978-1984, who died suddenly on Friday 4th December in Limeside, Oldham. Fr McKie was in his 82nd year and the 57th year of his Sacred Priesthood. May he rest in peace.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, there is a prize for the first person who can present Fr Brian with an Easter Egg!

To make it fair, last year's winner cannot take part!

Eggs must be packaged, full-size and this year's stock.



World Day of Peace – January 1st 2021

"There can be no peace without a culture of care."

Pope Francis appeals to the international community to foster a culture of care by advancing on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations. Read in full:

<https://www.cbew.org.uk/papal-message-world-day-of-peace/>

SVP England & Wales

The SVP nationally has addressed some of the acute needs of the homeless this Christmas by producing 11,500 life-saving packs of useful items.

'Vinnie Packs' as they're called, provide cold weather essentials for people sleeping rough on our streets. Let us pray for those in need.



SPECIFICS USED IN EVERY PACK

Tins of carrots, instant mash, tins of rice pudding, UHT milk, coffee/tea.

Drop off at St Joseph's Church car-park shelter or at the Meeting Places, Croft St (opposite Greggs) on normal weekdays 12-2pm. **THANK YOU!**

New Offertory Envelopes (Gift Aid) 2021

These will be made available in the new year along with how to get hold of them. WATCH THIS SPACE! Most numbers will remain un-changed.

Thank you for your continued support

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New Year's Eve Midnight Tower Walk

Our annual New Year's Eve walk to Darwen Tower cannot be planned in any organised way this year.

But at midnight when the fireworks explode and the night skies erupt with colour, think of the splendid views from Darwen Moors as the sparkles shine brightly over Blackburn, Bolton and over the Fylde Coast. Let us count our blessings and give thanks for the special people, memorable moments and precious times in our life.

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!



CHRISTMAS - Let us Pray for LOVE



Thanks to everyone for donations to CAFOD in Advent. All our Christmas collections will be counted next week and added to these we will publish the grand total as soon as this is finalised.