



"Make straight his path."

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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2nd Sunday Advent B

6th December 2020

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – 2 nd Sunday Advent B
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 2 nd Sunday Advent B
Monday	11.30 a.m.		Private funeral - Requiem Mass Salvatore Turco R.I.P.
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 – 3 rd Sunday Advent B Mass – 3 rd Sunday Advent B



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

Quiet Vigil Mass 6.15 pm St Joseph's

Solemn Midnight Mass St Edward'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 on Monday 7th December please check our website & facebook posts.

NO BOOKINGS YET PLEASE



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES CHANGED TIMES

Please note the change of published Mass times.

Last Saturday evening there was one of the regular power cuts at St Joseph's just before Mass. The Church went black! Fr Brian does not want to risk this possibility at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Thus **Christmas Eve Masses** are:

6.15pm St Joseph's

This will be a simple quiet Mass.

Midnight 12.00 St Edward's

Solemn Mass

The Greatest Gift - HEALTH

Be aware that the virus is still in existence! Much as the Government has approved 5 days for families to meet, the virus may not listen to the politicians!

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.



ADVENT APPEAL 2020

Second Week of Advent - Let us Pray for LOVE.

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**

The Catholic Church & COVID Vaccine

The Bishops of England & Wales issued a follow-up statement on Covid vaccination: "Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its dangers of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate."

Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales
(cbcew.org.uk)

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Eileen Porter, Adrian Brookfield, Salvatore Turco

Anniversaries: George McCann (15th Dec), Frank Helliwell (26th Dec)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Alan Almond (remembrance)

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.

Funeral Live-Stream at St Joseph's

Monday 7th December 11.30

Salvatore Turco R.I.P.

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



Sunday Order of Service & Readings

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

Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage

COVID-19 UPDATE

FUNERALS – MAXIMUM 30

BAPTISMS – MAXIMUM 6

WEDDINGS – MAXIMUM 15

Sacramental Programme
2020 moved to 2021

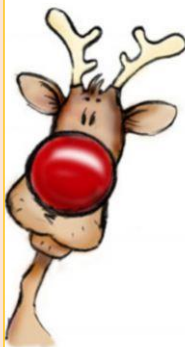
Reconciliation
No Confessions for now

Communion at Home
Emergencies Only

Great News

Santa's bags are all packed ready to visit St Edward's & St Joseph's schools soon. All the reindeer are resting ready for their magical adventure.

Love Rudolph
xxx



Parish Christmas Card

Our Christmas Elves have delivered over 260 Christmas cards around Darwen this week and posted 20. If you did not receive one, please know that we tried our best to reach you all with the information we had. If you would like a card or you know someone who would appreciate one, let us know and we will do our best.



St Edward's School News

What a joy for Year 4 to share their Class Mass in Church this week and for Year 1 & Year 2 to visit Church in their class bubbles. The highlight for one little girl was, "When Fr Brian asked us to touch our noses with our elbows!"



Christmas Tree Prayer Tags

Thanks to both schools for completing all the prayer tags to decorate our Christmas trees this year. These are now in a basket on both altars and are therefore blessed.

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



St Joseph's School News

We love St Joseph's 'Advent Door' daily posts. Simply profound and profoundly simple! Fr Brian says, "Please can we do this every year?" <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephs.darwen>

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!

Pope Francis – Advent Message

"The first step of faith is to tell God that we need him" and to ask that he "come close to us once more," the pope said. "God wants to draw close to us, but he will not impose himself; it is up to us to keep saying to him, 'Come!'" People should repeat this short prayer frequently throughout the day -- "before our meetings, our studies and our work, before making decisions, in every important or difficult moment of our lives -- 'Come, Lord Jesus!'" the pope said. People must be watchful and focused on what is essential in life, the pope said, because "one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God."