

**"You are my son, the Beloved.
My favour rests on you."**

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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The Baptism of The Lord – Year B

10th January 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday		6.15 p.m.	DOORS CLOSED – Fr Brian Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	DOORS CLOSED – Fr Brian Mass
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		11.15 a.m.	Private funeral Barbara Connor
Friday	11.45 a.m.		Private funeral Michael Coffey
Saturday		6.15 p.m.	DOORS CLOSED Vigil Mass – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	DOORS CLOSED Mass – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

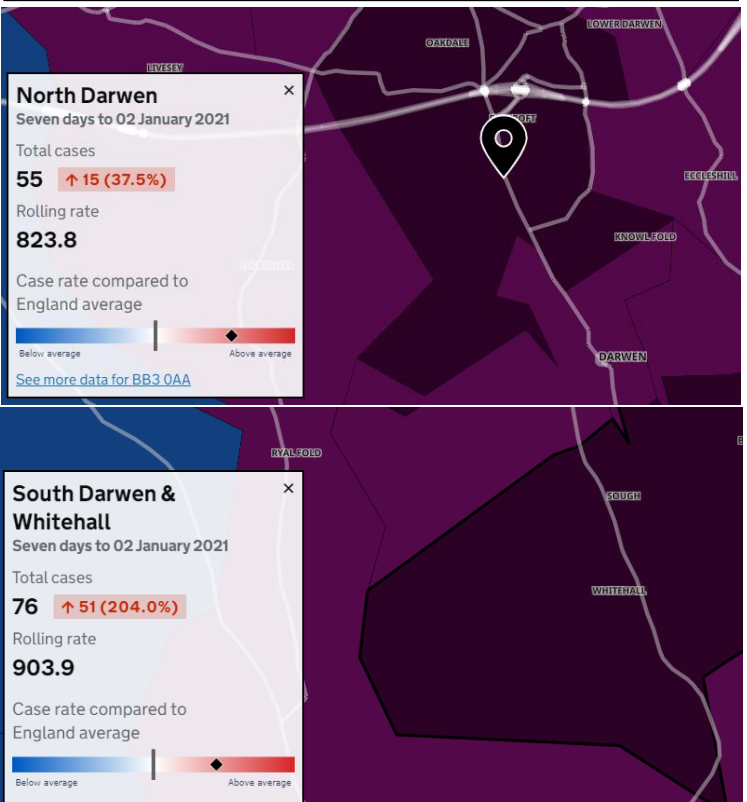
Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.



**DARWEN
CHURCHES CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Darwen's Rising Covid Infection Rates
The figures show the alarming rise in infections in Darwen last week. The situation is real, and the national lockdown is serious.



Darwen Catholic Churches CLOSED

Due to the very high infection rates in our area, Fr Brian feels obliged to make a local decision to protect everyone and prevent the hospitals being overwhelmed. Therefore, our Church doors are closed and there will be no public Masses until further notice.

Funeral Restrictions – Maximum of 30

Please note that Fr Brian is obliged by law to restrict numbers attending funerals to a maximum of 30. Funerals are by family invitation only; please do not just turn up as capacity is strictly limited.

TO BE DELIVERED

New Offertory Envelopes (Gift Aid) 2021

We will deliver envelopes to everyone on our list in the next few weeks. Most numbers are the same.
Many thanks for your continued support!



Darwen Food Larder

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 facebook page**, phone 01254 705120 or email DarwenFL1@gmail.com.



Egg-cellent Winner: Julie Ainsworth

The first 2021 easter Egg was bought in Iceland Darwen, which is ironic given the arctic condition outside! Fr Brian is still thinking of a suitable prize...

**Primary Schools Admissions 2021
Deadline this Friday week 15th January**

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Muriel McKay, Maureen Watson, Michael Coffey, Amelia Corbelli, Mark Alan Hows, Fr Peter McKie, Barbara Connor, John McCorcoran, Margaret Hough, Eileen Porter

Anniversaries: Agnes Cabbage (6th Jan), Wilfred Cabbage (13th Jan), Ann Shaw (15th Jan), Kevin Porter

Live-Stream at St Joseph's

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

Requiem Mass: Friday 15th January 11.45 am

Michael Coffey R.I.P

30 people by family invitation only.



CORONAVIRUS – DARWEN CHURCHES CLOSED & PARISH ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

<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.

Sunday Order of Service & Readings

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

Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage

BAPTISMS – MAXIMUM 6

Baptisms can go ahead but numbers are restricted to 6 including child & excluding priest & steward.

For details email: admin@darwencatholic.org.uk



BRILLIANT FESTIVE PHOTOS



How wonderful to see so many fabulous pictures of **Covid Christmas 2020**.

From families re-united and Christmas PJs to fun in the snow and 'Bah Humbug' selfies.

PLEASE Keep them coming and extend it to:

Winter Wonderland Lockdown 3 Photos

Deadline Sunday 31st January 2021

Send us **lovely, funny & memorable** photos from the festive season and winter wonderland. 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:

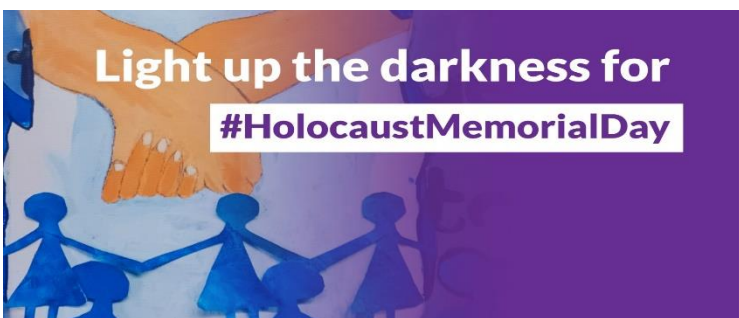
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Pope Francis

"Because of their Baptism, all members of the people of God have become missionary disciples."

Light up the darkness for

#HolocaustMemorialDay



Holocaust Memorial Day
Wednesday 27th January
Inter-faith service via Zoom
Blackburn Cathedral 1.30pm

5 things you can do to help during the COVID 19 Pandemic



Keep others in prayer & consider your actions. Are they helping the common good?



Connect & reach out! Help those in isolation by contacting them. Checking in on mental & physical health can save a life.



Support vulnerable communities/people. From food banks to local support services, there are several ways to assist those in need.



Bread 4 Today

Use online tools & online prayer communities to stay positive & help others do the same.



Share accurate information. Make sure you are using reputable sources & not sharing conspiracy theories.

One Family in Lockdown Repeat

Fr Brian again 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.

Food Larder Donations YOU CAN HELP

WE NEED REGULAR DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
After the snow thaws, please drop off at St Joseph's Church car-park & leave in the shelter next to the garage.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!

Donations can go to either house or online.

ENVELOPES WILL BE DELIVERED ASAP

Online transfers / standing orders:

Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

Account no. **40835803** Sort code: **205534**

Many thanks for your support!



Let us Pray for Hope

"Hope allows us to enter into the darkness of an uncertain future to journey in the light."

Pope Francis