



The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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"He taught them with authority."

4th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B

31st 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
		1.30 p.m.	<i>Private funeral Alexander Carr R.I.P.</i>
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		6.15 p.m.	DOORS CLOSED Vigil Mass – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	DOORS CLOSED Mass – 5th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

DARWEN CHURCHES CLOSED

Our doors are closed for another month due to the continuing high local infection rates. These are falling but not fast enough. Fr Brian is hopeful that it may be safe enough to re-open after this.

VACCINATIONS NOT ENOUGH

If you have had your vaccination, thanks be to God! But recognise it takes time to have full effect on the body, and you can still spread the virus. There will be others not yet vaccinated and not yet immune.



Even if you've been vaccinated for COVID-19, you still need to remember:



HANDS FACE SPACE

We'll take a cup of kindness...



Auld Lang Syne

The Burns Night celebrations were limited this year, but we can still take, and give, a cup of kindness. Fr Brian will drink to that... then again OH NO HE WON'T!

Dry January Congratulations

3 cheers to all who succeeded and are not gasping – BRILLIANT!

THEN & NOW

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,
Mayor.

Kelowna, B.C.,
19th October, 1918.



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WEDNESDAY

17th February

Doors Closed

Streamed Masses:

St Joseph's
9.15am & 7.00pm

SUPER SCHOOLS

Well done to staff, pupils and families for embracing the 'new' educational world so positively and proactively. Great work everyone!



Well Done Darwen Sacred Heart Parish

Fr Brian received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for our Christmas Collection donation of **£1,726.97** towards the Coronavirus Appeal.

"In the wake of this crisis, we must stand together and help people around the world rebuild their lives."

LAST CHANCE PHOTOS

Send us any snaps for our compilation slideshow.

Category prizes: lovely, funny, memorable.

Deadline Sunday 31/01/2021

Choose up to 3 photos and simply

WhatsApp to: 07762 745387

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

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Pasqualino Ferro, Alexander Carr

Anniversaries: Peter Walsh (28th Jan), Angelo Avino (29th Jan),

Birthday Anniversaries: Elizabeth Ardis, Kathleen Roberts (née Brennan)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick) Terry Hoctor (remembrance)

Live-Stream at St Joseph's 
<https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen>

Feast of the Presentation

2nd February

Candlemas



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Friday during Lent 5pm-7pm St Joseph's

Reconciliation Service

Date to be arranged

These will be live streamed and hopefully people can be present in Church when we re-open.

Maureen Roberts - Legacy

We give thanks to this kind lady who left a fantastic legacy for the Parish. An extremely humble soul who lived a very simple life. She thought of others during her life and has provided for others after her death. Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord...

First Holy Communions

Fr Brian is liaising with schools to set dates for the children to receive First Communion in the summer. Separate dates will be planned for last year's and this year's groups in both Churches. There will be a much simpler ceremony than usual, and numbers are still likely to be limited. Details will be issued to everyone involved as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!

Donations can go to either house or online.

Gift Aid envelopes have been delivered.

Online transfers / standing orders:

Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

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

Many thanks for your support!



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

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 2nd March

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since St Bede's students planned their presentation for Fairtrade Fortnight. In 2021, this will feel very different with all the restrictions in place, but we can still help in many ways. The focus this year is **CLIMATE FAIRTRADE & YOU**. We can all get involved to help tackle the struggles faced by farmers in vulnerable countries with climate change, the pandemic and increasing poverty.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>



The Cat Didn't Come...

But thanks to our Parish 'Posties' for delivering all the Gift Aid envelope this week.

Good News for Darwen...

Plans to restore Darwen's iconic Jubilee Tower have been given the green light. Work on the grade 2 listed building will include: improvements to the observation deck, repointing with lime & mortar, stone repairs, reglazing, new handrails, replacement of rain pipes.

... More Good News for Darwen

BwD Council has also granted planning permission for a brand new, multi-function facility to be built at the ground of Darwen AFC. This will offer space for teaching, conferences and a sports bar. It is part of wider plans to create a state-of-the-art new sports village, including world class facilities at Junction 4 Skatepark which could host Olympic events, and an elite cricket academy at Darwen Vale.