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*"The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us".*

2nd Sunday after Christmas Year B

3rd January 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday			Vigil Mass – 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 2nd Sunday after Christmas
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: Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Doors closed - Fr Brian Mass
Friday	11.00 a.m.		Private funeral Amelia Corbelli R.I.P.
Saturday			Vigil Mass – Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – Baptism of the Lord



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.



NEW YEAR 2021

**Did you make a resolution on New Year's Eve?
Have you now decided to start on Monday?**

Is the sink still clear? Have you managed to do without sugar? How many times have you been for a walk? Did you ring your sister? How many plastic bags have you acquired? Is that musical instrument gathering dust? Have you cleaned your shoes? **DON'T WORRY!** You don't have to do them all; just do something!

Fr Brian's New Year Pledge

Fr Brian has chosen to have a dry 2021. He announces this as a consequence of his lack of confidence and the need to shame himself into action!

Covid Vaccine

Let us pray for all involved in the immunisation programme in this country and hope that we create a reservoir of well-being. But we must remember that this is an international crisis, and if we don't immunise the world, we won't get rid of the virus, and it will come back to bite us.

NHS: The clapping has stopped but if you do know a nurse or doctor or general NHS worker, write them a card saying, "Thank You".

Epiphany

There are no public Masses on the feast of the Epiphany; there will be streamed Mass at St Joseph's 9.15 a.m. But remember all obligations are suspended during Covid. Man was not made for the sabbath, the sabbath was made for man.

Covid Christmas Festive Photos

Deadline Sunday 31st January 2021

Send us **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



Christmas Collection for CAFOD £1,556.97 + donations £170 = £1,726.97

Many thanks to all who donated. This really is a fantastic response during difficult times and the money will provide some relief to our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Muriel McKay, Maureen Watson, Michael Coffey, Amelia Corbelli

Anniversaries: Bob Taylor (5th Jan), Robert Large, Peter Taylor (4th Jan)

Birthday Anniversaries: Ronald Taylor (4th Jan)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick), Alex

Live-Stream at St Joseph's

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

Amelia Corbelli Requiem Mass Friday 8th January 11am
30 people by family invitation only.



Sunday Order of Service & Readings

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

Order of Mass: PDF file on website homepage

COVID CONTINUES... DON'T GIVE UP

If you are coming to Mass
please do not socialise outside Church.

The pandemic is real and yet surreal. It is all very frustrating and affects us all in different ways. But we all have a Christian responsibility to follow the rules, if not for ourselves for each other.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 27th January

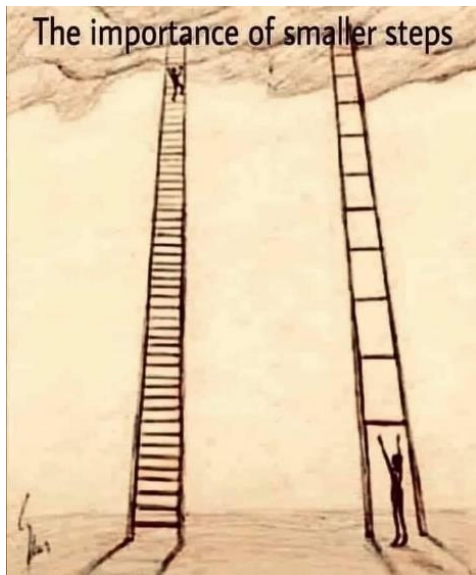
On this day Blackburn with Darwen will remember all the victims of genocide, oppression and torture. The Inter-faith forum is again supporting the event with a service, this year held via Zoom, hosted by Blackburn Cathedral at 1.30pm. The theme is: **Be the light in the darkness.**



One more step
along the world I go...



The importance of smaller steps



New Term

May good fortune follow the actions of our schools as they care for our children in 2021.

Primary Schol Admissions

CLOSING DATE:
15th January 2021.

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

FUNERALS – MAX 30

BAPTISMS – MAX 6



!! Tier 4 !!
NO OTHER SACRAMENTS except emergencies or exceptional circumstances.
STAY AT HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

APF – Mission Boxes

Thanks to Sarah Stowe who will take on the role of co-ordinator for St Edward's in the new year.

Well done and many thanks to Eileen Catlow, who did this work diligently for so many years.

Please keep boxes at home for now. Details for emptying will be published for both churches once the tier restrictions are relaxed.

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.



New Offertory Envelopes (Gift Aid) 2021

These will be made available as soon as possible. WATCH THIS SPACE! Most numbers will remain un-changed. **Many thanks to everyone for your continued support!**

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!

