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"He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another."

5th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B

7th February 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		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 – 7 th Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	DOORS CLOSED Mass – 7 th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr Brian appreciates anybody who joins him in prayer.

DARWEN CHURCHES CLOSED FEBRUARY

Fr Brian will review this at the end of the month when hopefully we can re-open safely.

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On Monday 8th February, Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for 80 years full of spirit!

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WEDNESDAY

17th February
Doors Closed
Streamed Masses:
St Joseph's
9.15am & 7.00pm

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.
Hopefully people can be present in Church when we re-open.

Sacramental Programme

Fr Brian will set dates with schools this week, and parents of each group will be contacted.

First Communion

There will be 5 groups this summer:

1. 2020 group not in RC schools
2. 2020 group St Joseph's School
3. 2021 group St Joseph's School
4. 2020 group St Edward's School
5. 2021 group St Edward's School

New Programme 2021/22

Details for this will be advertised in the autumn and the programme will run in 2022.

This will include any children not in non-Catholic schools who are not already registered on the existing programme

First Confession

Children in the 2020 groups made their first confessions before lockdown.

The 2021 groups in our Catholic Schools will make their first Confessions with the children on next year's programme.

Ironically First Confession should in fact come after First Communion, because only those who are in full communion with the Church are legally in a position to contradict the Good News.



St Bede's
Roman Catholic High School

Headteacher Vacancy

Required for September 2021

Closing date 9am Monday 1st March

Interview Dates 17/18 March

Application documents and details on vacancy section of school website: www.stbedesblackburn.com returned to: kcaton@stbedesblackburn.com



Lighter Night are Coming

At the end of January the sun set around 5pm

At the end of February it will set around 6pm

At the end of March clocks go forward and sunset will be 8pm

Keep your eye on the prize HOLD ON!



Valentine's Day

We are still in lockdown, so this year make a special effort to send someone a Valentine card. Make it anonymous and funny and drive them crazy wondering who sent it!!
Fr Brian requests that not as many cards are sent to him as last year!



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Alexander Carr

Anniversaries: Peggy Read (14th Feb) Mary Scott (14th Feb) Matthew Boardman (1st Feb)

Other: David O'Sullivan (sick)



Please pray for Sheila Jardine who is on the end-of-life programme.

Red Mission Boxes - St Joseph's

I know that things have been very difficult for the last 12 months and will continue for a while yet. For those people that have already contributed I wish to say a very heart felt thank you. If you require your box to be emptied or wish to just make a donation please contact me. I also have the forms for anyone wishing to set up a direct debit. Wishing you all good health and happiness for the months to come.

Maggie Alvarez 01254728146

Live-Stream 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

RIP Captain Sir Tom Moore

We honour a man who in his 100th year, was prepared to make an effort, for the sake of others.

St Bede's on Climate, Fairtrade & YOU – Week 1

The over usage of our precious natural resources is out of control. Now more than ever. Greenhouse gases and deadly pollutants are taking over our planet. "We are seeing record levels every year," says Ralph Keeling, Head of the Carbon Dioxide programme at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, which has been tracking Carbon Dioxide concentrations. "We saw record levels again this year despite COVID-19." The outrageous use of finite resources is not a sustainable way of protecting our world. These will not last forever. However, this climate crisis will; if action isn't taken now, there is simply no hope for our future generations. For years, the plea has been to make a change. If we all act now, act together and act accordingly, we will have a big impact on the world. If every person does a simple thing such as using a reusable cup instead of a plastic bottle, separating certain rubbish and walk to school instead of the use of a pollution-emitting car, it can have a big difference on the state of our planet.
- Rheyra, St. Bede's RC High School

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This is not unprecedented information; we are all completely aware that our beloved world is crumbling around us and we don't have to look very far to see who is to blame. Our innocent seas rise an estimated 3mm every year, destroying habitats and islands. Destroying lives. We cannot comprehend the damage we are doing as we lazily charge our phone overnight, leaving on the downstairs' light, and drain the world of its energy. Sun rise hits and a quick run to the car, poisoning the earth with every metre you travel on your walkable journey. As a country, 68% of our energy comes from fossil fuels. Why? By 2030, the hope is to produce 40% of energy through wind power but why can this date not be brought forward? Why kill our world for an unnecessary decade? If you cannot walk to work, consider public transport or eradicate your toxic fumes in an electric car. Our planet is collapsing in front of our very eyes: we have to move onward to stop this. Our population must take responsibility and address the impact on future generations. Make the change. Save us all.

- Lottie, St. Bede's RC High School

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Fairtrade Fortnight

22nd February - 2nd March

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Following last year's presentation, we are again privileged to see St Bede's School leading the way on Fairtrade Ecology. Each week in February we will publish 2 articles from students, urging us to think and act to protect our planet for future generations. Many thanks to the staff and students involved in this excellent and necessary campaign.

An English professor asked his students to punctuate the following sentence:

A woman without her man is nothing

All of the males in the class wrote:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

All the females in the class wrote:

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

Punctuation is powerful.

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A/C no. **40835803** Sort code: **205534**

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