

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

St. Joseph's Church  
Bolton Rd

Parish Office  
Church House  
370 Blackburn Road  
Darwen, BB3 0AA  
01254 702525

e-mail: [admin@darwencatholic.org.uk](mailto:admin@darwencatholic.org.uk)  
newsletter: [news@darwencatholic.org.uk](mailto:news@darwencatholic.org.uk)

St Edward's Church  
Blackburn Rd

Priest's Residence  
St. Joseph's Presbytery  
149 Bolton Road  
Darwen, BB3 2PG  
01254 702026

[www.darwencatholic.org.uk](http://www.darwencatholic.org.uk)



*"The Good Shepherd is one who  
lays down his life for his sheep."*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year B

25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – <b>HAVE YOU BOOKED?</b>
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – <b>HAVE YOU BOOKED?</b>
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.		<b>St Joseph's School Class Mass NO PUBLIC ACCESS TODAY</b>
Thursday	9.15 a.m.		MASS
Friday			<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Sunday	6.15 p.m.		5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Vigil Mass – <b>PLEASE BOOK</b>
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Mass – <b>PLEASE BOOK</b>



## The Heart-Beat of the Church

It's great to see more numbers returning to Mass after lockdown. While our Sunday Masses are family celebrations full of life and joy, the mid-week Masses are a reflection of quiet prayer and deep faith passed on through the generations. Your presence is appreciated more than you know. You are the 'heart-beat' of the Church, offering a great example and support for others to appreciate.



**CHURCH CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> APRIL SCHOOL ONLY  
30<sup>th</sup> APRIL NO MASS**

## PLEASE BOOK SUNDAY MASS

*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.



## India ~ Brazil ~ Chile

Remember them in your prayers. At one and the same time we should be grateful and careful in this country, but also concerned for the whole world. Until everyone is immunised against covid, no-one is safe.



## Local Elections Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

We have a moral obligation to vote. Whatever your political views please exercise your right to vote if not at the polling station, then by a postal vote.

**YOUR**

**VOTE**

**COUNTS**

## Black Lives Matter

As Roman Catholics we have a core belief in human dignity, and therefore an integral commitment to justice.

<https://blog.cafod.org.uk/2020/06/10/on-the-matter-of-black-lives/>



**WARNING  
Tinder Dry Moors**

**PLEASE** be careful and vigilant when walking or visiting picnic sites and outdoor beauty spots. It only takes a discarded cigarette, or an empty bottle or a spark from a BBQ to start and spread a fire. **IF YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF FIRE RING 999**

## St Joseph's School

It was wonderful to see how well the children behaved in Church for their Year 3 Mass, in preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This week we welcome Year 4.

**NB THIS IS FOR STAFF & CHILDREN ONLY**

But you can watch via our live-stream link

9am Wednesday: <https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen>

## Mass Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Eileen Roberts, Roy Simpson, Valentino Catalano, Scarlett Rose O'Malley (aged 27)

**Anniversaries:** Esther Holden (29<sup>th</sup> April)

**Other:** O'Malley Family

### 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 home page

### St Joseph's Car-Park Bench

Tickets are being sold for the sun-trap bench on St Joseph's car-park. Thanks go to Terry, whose skilful engineering genius has set this phoenix free from the ashes!



### 'Beyond the Cross'

Continuing the Easter Art & Culture journey, this week's feature is 'The Supper at Emmaus'; an oil on canvas piece that hangs in the National Gallery in London. It is a fine work by the brilliant Italian Baroque master Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio painted around 1601.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/beyond-the-cross>

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Donations to either house or online:

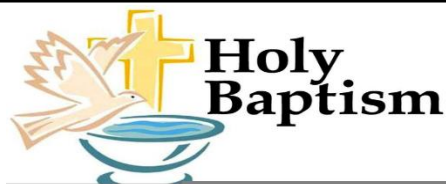
Account: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

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



### Reception into Church

We have been waiting for a Christmas or Easter without Covid restrictions to receive candidates into the Church. We have stopped waiting! If you were originally on the RCIA programme, please approach Fr Brian to arrange a Sunday date for to be received into the Church.



#### **If you have not yet registered:**

Please book Mass and introduce yourselves to Fr Brian. You will then complete a registration form and can begin to make arrangements for Baptism.

#### **If you registered and had to cancel:**

Please email us to re-arrange a date for baptism.

[admin@darwencatholic.org.uk](mailto:admin@darwencatholic.org.uk)

### *God's Grandeur – Gerald Manley Hopkins*

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

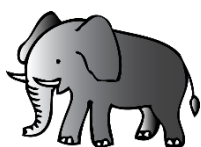
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH DARWEN

### Summer Holiday Family Trip to CHESTER ZOO

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Leaving Anchor Pub Bus Stop 9am / St Joseph's Church Bus Stop 9.10am



Leaving Chester Zoo 5pm



Cost £15 per person children & adults)

(Age 2 & under FREE - but please add into the children numbers for the coach seats)

*Our prices are concessionary and well below what you would pay yourselves.*

*(Online £21.80 adult/ £18.18 child or on the gate £28 adult & £24 child)*

**DEPOSIT £5 per person due NOW and payment in full required by 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**PLEASE PUT DEPOSIT OF £5 per person in a sealed envelope marked ZOO TRIP plus:  
Name, telephone no., number of adults, number of children & number of children 2 or under**

**POST THROUGH EITHER PRESBYTERY OR BOOK THROUGH ST EDWARD'S/ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOLS**

