



"They were like sheep without a shepherd."

The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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16th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B

18th July 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – HAVE YOU BOOKED?
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – HAVE YOU BOOKED?
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday			NO MASS
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 17th Sunday Ordinary Time– PLEASE BOOK
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 17th Sunday Ordinary Time – PLEASE BOOK



BOOKINGS CONTINUE 2 MORE WEEKENDS
We hope no need to book for Sat 7th & Sun 8th August



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.



SUMMER FAMILY WALK 1
(Suitable for school-age upwards)
ALL WELCOME - ANY BACKGROUND
Tuesday 27th July 10.30 am
WITTON PARK ADVENTURE TRAIL
Meet 10.30am Witton Arena BB2 2TP
This 4-mile walk takes us along the River Darwen through woods and trails to the Wainwright Memorial. The spectacular views and beautiful surroundings make it a perfect picnic stop. We then head for Billinge Hill viewpoint and descend the steps into Big Cover Wood to our destination at the Café & play area.

Summer Activities BwD Libraries
Local libraries will again be offering a range of free activities and events throughout the holiday period to keep children entertained.
<https://www.facebook.com/BlackburnwithDarwenLibraries>

EASING RESTRICTIONS PLAN
Hopefully Starting 7th/8th August 2021
In response to the government relaxation of restrictions, the Bishops of England have offered clear guidance for Public Worship/Parish activities.
CONTINUED CAUTION & CARE IS ADVISED.
We will continue to take account of local infection rates and the specific needs of our own community.
We propose the following from 7th/8th August depending on the prevailing conditions:

- The partitions will be removed so there will be no need to book a place at Mass.
- Masks must still be worn unless exempt, inside Church and enclosed areas.
- Hand sanitising will continue on the way in/out of Church.
- You are asked to keep a family distance in the Church from anybody else. Cards will be available saying, "PLEASE LEAVE A SPACE", if required.
- Communion will be administered row by row.
- Singing will resume but masks must be worn.
- Fr Brian will appoint readers & ministers from regulars at the designated Masses.
- There will be no indoor Parish activities until Advent at the earliest.

PLEASE NOTE THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION REMAINS SUSPENDED UNTIL ADVENT 2021

St Joseph's Buildings Up-date
The sacristy roof has now been sealed and will hopefully no longer leak! The scaffolding remains in place for work on windows and painting a wall.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: John Ahern

Anniversaries: Thomas McIver (21st July), Marta Fajkis (15th July), Peter Richard Kerrane (16th July)

Birthday Anniversaries: Robert Large (18th July)

Other: For a special intention

Live-Stream St Joseph's



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

REMINDER

Live stream Masses will continue at St Joseph's and weekday Masses are short and simple for those wanting a quieter visit to Church.

PLEASE CHECK NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK FOR MASS TIMES & VENUE.

WELL DONE

As our schools close this week, we congratulate everyone involved for achieving the impossible during another very challenging school year. We pray that they can now enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation.



Next Parish Walk – Saturday 31st July

8-9 miles Yarrow Yomp 10 am start

Meet at The Royal Arms, Tockholes 10am

Outside the Visitors' Centre BB3 0PA

We will drive 'in convoy' to the start of our walk at Crookfield Rd car-park next to the A675 Belmont Rd.

The Route: We will climb up towards Great Hill and over the ridge to Redmond's Edge. Here we'll drop down Sam Pasture to Lead Mines Clough and the picturesque valley near Yarrow reservoir, where we will stop for lunch. We will cross Alance Bridge and walk through the fields past the reservoir to Dean Wood House, then back up past Wilcock's farm and the waterfalls at Old Rachel's. We'll cross the ford over the River Yarrow to the pretty ruins at Higher Hempshaws and the short climb back to Will Narr and Hordern Pasture. The final leg will take us back along the ridge to Spitlers Edge then Redmond's Edge, where we'll drop down to the main path back to the car-park. **ALL WELCOME!**

Please bring a packed-lunch/water. Boot or walking shoes are best for these trail paths, plus layers & water-proofs in case of wind-chill/rain.

if you need transport to Tockholes, please let us know and we will arrange car-share.



Sporting Resilience

We congratulate all involved in the Euro final last Sunday. May we appreciate the lessons learned both in victory and defeat.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS THANK YOU

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SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUSPENDED

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

"We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021."

FULL STATEMENT ONLINE:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

Darwen Holidays – Wakes Week

100 years ago, they cleaned the foundries and everyone went to Blackpool. Today we clean our hands and everyone's going to Blackpool!

Be sure to wear a hanky on yer 'ead, take of yer shoes and paddle in t' sea.

Darwen Food Larder

There was a meeting this week of all involved in organising the food larder. Congratulations to all those who have been working so hard on this inter-faith community service which provides for those in need.

Many thanks too for the regular donations of food.

Please leave any donations in a bag at: St Joseph's Church car-park in the shelter or in town at The Meeting Place, Croft St.

Summer Holiday Family Walks

Dates for your Diary

Walk 1: Tuesday 27th July 10.30 am

WITTON PARK ADVENTURE TRAIL

Meet 10.30am Witton Arena Entrance BB2 2TP

Walk 2: Tuesday 10th August 10.45 am

TRAIN TRIP: JUMBLES JAUNT

Meet at Darwen Station Platform 1 & catch 10:56 train to Bromley Cross for 11.08

Walk 3: Tuesday 24th August 10.15 am

TRAIN TRIP: RIBBLE RAMBLE & CASTLE CLIMB

Meet at Darwen Station Platform 2 & catch 10.25 train to Clitheroe for 10.56

