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*"You are the Christ." "The Son of Man
is destined to suffer grievously."*

24th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

12th September 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass 25th Sunday Ordinary Time



The Wanderer Returns

Fr Brian completed his epic trek and did not use his waterproof trousers at all! The varied landscapes and stunning scenery made this a memorable experience in more ways than one. One of the highlights was spending the night in an old tin caravan due to a B&B mix-up. This was not the best place Fr Brian has slept in, but it was not the worst in his lifetime; he survived, with a tale to tell! All in all, a great break and refreshing change.

We shall not cease from exploration

And the end of all our exploring

Will be to arrive where we started

And now the place for the first time.

TS Elliott

Little Gidding, Four Quartets



Thanks from Fr Brian

Fr Brian is grateful to everyone who supported him on his journey, by way of donations, kind words, thoughts and prayers. People really can be so kind in little ways which make such a big difference.



Eucharistic Services

Well done to those who led and supported the services in Fr Brian's absence. After 18 months of Covid it is refreshing to have some variety and great that we can begin to move forward once again.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you to all volunteers. Fr Brian will be liaising to up-date the rotas in the coming weeks.

Thanks from Fr Michael

Once again Fr Michael enjoyed his visit to Darwen and appreciated the warm welcome he received at all Masses. He was very positive that we are ahead in moving forward after the pandemic, but appreciative of the steady caution being taken. Fr Michael has requested a return to Darwen so that he can explore some walks in our area.



Update Summary

1. All volunteers need a DBS check but at different levels depending on the role.
2. If you have previously had a DBS check for the parish then you are on 'the system' and can continue your role until your certificate is renewed.
3. Some DBS certificates are 'portable' from other roles, but it depends if the role requires an enhanced check.
4. You don't need to do anything until you are contacted by a 'group leader' or safeguarding rep.

If you receive a direct email from DBS with notice of renewal, please forward your up-date email to:
admin@darwencatholic.org.uk FAO Julie Ainsworth



SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Contact schools direct for further information



St Joseph's
Provisionally
14th October

St Edward's
4th Oct 10am-2pm
9th Nov 10am-2pm

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2022-23

Primary: 2nd September 2021-15th January 2022
Secondary: 2nd September 2021-31st October 2021

**A BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR
ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: For all who have died recently

Anniversaries: Margarete Barker (4th Sept), Kathleen Hargreaves (13th Sept)

Other: Joan Toner (sick), special intentions,

SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUSPENDED

Until at least Advent 2021

Catholic Bishops of England

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

Live-Stream St Joseph's

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



Sacramental Programme

Once our schools settle in Fr Brian will be in touch with staff to make arrangements and agree dates.

Y4 children's First Confessions:

Hopefully services will be arranged this autumn.

New programme 2022: We will publish the information and circulate via the schools, newsletter, website and social media. Depending on numbers the groups are likely to run as we did pre-Covid with 2 different school groups and a 3rd parish group for those in non-catholic schools.



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT RESPONSE

The CAFOD Appeal for Fr Brian's Walk was well-supported and appreciated. Totals will be announced when counted and sent to CAFOD. Well done Darwen. Thanks also to those further away who have followed online Mass and donated to the appeal. God Bless the Universal Church!

Next Parish Walk Saturday 25th September Winter Hill Wander – 9 miles

10am Cross Guns Inn Egerton BL7 9TP

Meet on the opposite side of A666:

The pub over-flow car-park next to Egerton Cars, (patrons only) appears to be in general public use.

DON'T BE PUT OFF – this walk is not as tough as it seems! Much of the climb to Winter Hill is gradual along different sturdy tracks and varied terrain. If the weather is kind, there are scenic views, abundant nature and interesting history. **ALL WELCOME – Bring packed lunch, water & suitable layers!**



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS



A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

A/C no. 40835803

Sort code: 205534

All It Takes Is One Good
Person To Restore Hope.

~ POPE FRANCIS ~



We are indeed blessed to have many good people in our community. May we continue to share our resources, celebrate each other's strengths and allow everyone to grow in the love of God to do the best they can.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

SVP Awareness Month

Our SVP group is up and running with a new president, Maggie Alvarez. Thanks to Maggie for taking on this role and a big thanks to Chris Avino, out-going president, for her great leadership and service. Thanks to all who give service and support to the SVP, helping those in need. For details about the SVP group contact Maggie 07880 715378.

Half-term family Walk – 4 miles Tuesday 26th October 11am

**Meet at Bold Venture Park
Main Gates BB3 2SF**



We will walk through Bold Venture Park, to the waterfall, labyrinth and quarryman carving. We'll cross Manor Rd at the scout hut and follow the woodland trails and sculptures through the upper park to the giant's chair. As we exit the park, we'll take the right-hand track past the stables and wend our way up the moorland path to the tower. This will be our picnic spot. Our journey down will be via 'the promenade' and tower viewing stone to Duckshaw. We'll take the right path past Higher House Farm, then down through Whitehall Park, on to Print Shop and back to Bury Fold. It's then a short trail past Kebbs Cottage and back to Bold Venture where we will collect free 'take-out' refreshments at the scout hut and finish at the children's playground near the park main entrance. **ALL WELCOME SCHOOL AGE & ABOVE – BRING PACKED LUNCH & WATER.**

St Joseph's Scouts Taster Session Saturday 18th September 5pm

Meet Tuesdays 6-9pm depending on age

St Joseph's Church Hall BB3 2PG

Contact Luke: 07715 975326 for further details.