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"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."

25th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

19th September 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

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| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Mass |
| Monday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Tuesday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Thursday | | 9.15 a.m. | Eucharistic Service |
| Friday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Saturday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass |
| | 6.15 p.m. | | Vigil Mass 26 th Sunday Ordinary Time |
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CAFOD APPEAL £3,000

This week Fr Brian had the great honour of posting a number of cheques amounting to £3,000, for the CAFOD Emergency Food Appeal. Your generosity is quite stunning and means that somewhere, someone, if only for a day, receives a bowl of rice. Thank you to everyone who has donated, including online friends!

Readers at Mass – Link to Sunday Readings

We already publish a link to the Sunday readings for the current week and will add a link for the following week so that readers can look at and rehearse their readings. This will be on our website homepage blog underneath the newsletter & Fr Brian's sermon:
www.darwencatholic.org.uk Readings: Next Week

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Fr Brian is in the process of updating lists from the old rotas and new volunteers. He will talk to organisers this week so that new rotas can be circulated to all involved and published a week ahead.

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.

The Route: We will walk behind Delph Reservoir to Higher Critchley Fold, following the woodland trails near Dunscair Golf Club to Horrocks Fold. Here we wend our way upwards past the quarries and shooting range, crossing Scout Road and taking the scenic access path round Horrocks Moor to Whimberry Hill. We then traverse Smithills Moor for lunch at or near the 'hidden reservoir'; after which we join The Rotary Way to the iconic Winter Hill Masts. We will go back down the disused tunnel path to Belmont, crossing the A675 to Greenhill Farm and on to Longworth Clough. A short climb takes us back up to Longworth Hall Plantation and the quarry pool at Stones Bank Plantation. Here we join the Witton Weavers Way through the woods back to Dimple, behind Ciao Baby, and back to the A666.

ALL WELCOME – PLEASE DO JOIN US

Bring packed lunch, water & suitable layers!



CHRISTMAS 2021

There will not be a Christmas Fayre this year, but Fr Christmas will be coming to town and we will have a Raffle. Have you any suggestions for a LOCAL charity to share proceeds?

Christmas Draw – Great Prizes Needed

If you can pledge or donate a decent prize, please email, or put a note through either presbytery. Tickets will be printed and on sale for the end of October. Proceeds to be split between Parish & a LOCAL charity, not national or international this year.



Santa's Grotto
St Edward's Church

Saturday 4th December 10am-2pm

ALL WELCOME
FREE ENTRY & GIFT

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Jackie Lacey **Anniversaries:** All whose anniversaries are at this time

Birthdays Anniversaries: Mary Ryder (4th Sept), Charles Ryder (20th Sept)

Other: St Peregrine for prayers answered

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>



AFGHANISTAN

It is very sad to reflect that as soon as the news cameras left the airport at Kabul, news of Afghanistan pretty much finished. Afghanistan still exists. Tigray still exists. The famine in Yemen still exists. Global warming still exists. Although we can't see it, as Roman Catholics we are obliged to recognise its presence. Let us pray.

It's All Go at AFC Darwen

This is a thriving local club with different teams at various levels. Check out fixtures, events, facilities etc on their website, facebook & twitter links:

<https://www.afcdarwen.co.uk>

Winter Covid & Seasonal Flu

Autumn is upon us and we are reminded of the need for continued care and caution as winter approaches. Please remember to get your seasonal flu jab, available free to over 50s this year, along with any Covid vaccinations

Get tested
#TestAndGo

www.blackburn.gov.uk



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.**



Sacramental Programme

Fr Brian is liaising with schools to finalise dates which will be published next week. There will be 3 separate programmes:

St Edward's School

St Joseph's School

Parish non-Catholic schools

Confessions / Reconciliation

Fr Brian hopes to arrange 2 reconciliation services during Advent with confessions. Hopefully local clergy will be involved to hear confessions.

Darwen Cricket Club

Congratulations on a great season! 3rds secured the Palace Shield Division 5 title, while 1sts won the T20 Cup and finished runners up in the Lancs League. Fr Brian hopes they come 2nd next year!



Covid Test & Go

BwD council is urging us again to take 2 lateral flow tests each week: before we go to work, school, college or to eat out, meet friends, go shopping, whatever.

Test kits are available from schools, colleges, hubs, pharmacies, community centres etc or call 119 or order online.

Great news for Sunnyhurst Woods!

They've joined a new national park as a special lyrical 'hot spot'. The South Pennines Park was officially launched this month featuring specially written song lyrics in chosen areas – including Darwen. To mark the occasion of the launch, special song lyrics have been stencilled around Sunnyhurst Woods and other 'hot spot' locations – sprayed in a temporary eco-friendly water-based paint.

You can read more at bit.ly/3nLjivx

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Bede's: 30th September 4.30 - 8pm

St Joseph's: 14th October 3.45 - 7pm

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

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