



**"He makes the deaf hear  
and the dumb speak."**

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**St. Joseph's St. Edward's**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday			<b>NO MASS/SERVICE</b>
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>NO MORNING MASS/SERVICE</b>
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>



### THANK YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS

As Fr Brian walks the Dales Highway we are fundraising for CAFOD. This weekend all collections, including bank transfers for that week, will be sent to CAFOD. Please feel free to give extra: mark envelopes CAFOD.

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED!**

### Fr Michael Returns

Welcome and thank you to Fr Michael Winstanley, who will celebrate Masses this weekend in Fr Brian's absence. We look forward to seeing him back in Darwen.

### Mass Intentions

Please avoid putting Mass intentions in the collection box, as these will be locked in the safe until the next 'count' which may miss the newsletter. For all Mass intentions:

Place donation in a sealed envelope on which is written the intention and amount enclosed, then post through either presbytery.

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

### Schools Return

How wonderful to see our children go back to school this week, with smiles on their faces. There were tears at the gates from parents but joy in the eyes of grandparents! Let us pray for a safe term and a move to 'normality'.

### One More Step... Fr Brian Walks On!

Fr Brian is now over half-way through his Bilbo Baggins trek. You can follow his walk on Facebook or check out photos on our website gallery:

<https://www.darwencatholic.org.uk/gallery>

He set off from St Joseph's last Sunday and walked to Burnley... to Haworth... to Saltaire. He then joined the Dales High Way: Saltaire to Addingham... Addingham to Hetton... Hetton to Settle...

This week he continues:

4<sup>th</sup> Settle to Chapel-le-Dale...

5<sup>th</sup> Chapel-le-Dale to Sedbergh...

6<sup>th</sup> Sedbergh to Newbiggin...

7<sup>th</sup> Newbiggin to Appleby.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HIM AS HE JOURNEYS ON!**



## Ministries

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

The next step moving out of the pandemic is to re-establish regular readers and ministers at Mass. Please consider the ministry of being a Reader at Mass or administrating the Eucharistic. Fr Brian will be talking to people on his return, so the rotas can be refreshed in the next few weeks.

### Eucharistic Services

Fr Brian is grateful to everyone who has covered in his absence. Coming out of the pandemic we are blessed that we have 5 Eucharistic Ministers ready to lead services in Fr Brian's absence. Many thanks also to those who have supported the mid-week services with their presence and participation. Between us the heartbeat of the Church continues; even when we can't hit the right notes after 18 months of silent singing!

## Mass Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Ted Campbell

**Anniversaries:** Margarete Barker (4<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**Other:** Joan Toner (sick), special intention

Live-Stream St Joseph's



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

### 2021 Season of Creation

The ecumenical celebration of the 2021 Season of Creation, "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God", runs from 1 September, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, through 4 October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.



#### Pope Francis encourages participation

Pope Francis has called on Catholics to take action for our common home during the Season of Creation. He encourages everyone to question the way we live, and to turn "towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment." He has also stressed that the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are becoming increasingly serious and alarming," urging Catholics to take "decisive, urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-encourages-participation-in-2021-season-of-creation/>

**Did You Know?** Meteorological Autumn is 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Astronomical Autumn is 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**Congratulations** to Darwen CC under 11s: league champions and unbeaten in 2021! **Well Done** to all senior teams as the race for league titles continues!

**Good Luck** to all AFC Darwen teams as soccer season resumes. The Ladies Football Club kick off their season this weekend; go and support them!

**World Suicide Prevention Day** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
12.30-1.30 Vigil in Darwen Town Hall Square followed by 1 mile candle-lit walk in someone else's shoes.

### SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2022-23

Primary: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021-15<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Secondary: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021-31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

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

**Next Parish Walk Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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



### SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUSPENDED

**Until at least Advent 2021**

**Catholic Bishops of England**

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

### Planning Ahead – Next Steps

Once Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are re-established at Mass, other parish roles and activities will be reviewed at the end of September, taking account of the prevailing local conditions along with advice from the government, church leaders and local authority.



### Safeguarding

As roles and activities begin to resume, so too the DBS checks will be initiated or renewed. Thanks to Julie Ainsworth, our safeguarding rep, who has now completed a series of training courses with the Diocese and is steadily resuming the DBS checks.

#### CURRENT SITUATION

Weekly Stewards: applications processed last year.

Organised Hall Groups: independent safeguarding procedures in place under hall hire agreement.

#### NEXT STEPS

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: when the list is refreshed, all will then be contacted by Julie for DBS check/update.

Mass Safeguarding Contacts: The named safeguarding contacts for each weekend Mass will be up-dated; these will then be contacted by Julie for a DBS check/update.

SVP & KSC: As these groups start up again, leaders will be contacted for membership up-date so that all members have DBS check/update.

#### MOVING FORWARD

All activities and voluntary roles in the parish need to be regulated with DBS checks. There are different levels of checks depending on the role, but all our volunteers will be checked in due course.

### UP-DATE SERVICE

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN RENEWED**



If you sign up for the up-date service with your DBS application, you will not have to re-apply when your certificate expires. You will receive a personal email from the Disclosure & Barring Service, but neither the diocese nor the parish is informed. So please forward your up-date email to: [admin@darwencatholic.org.uk](mailto:admin@darwencatholic.org.uk) FAO Julie Ainsworth.