



*"Master, let me see again."*

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**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B**  
*St. Joseph's St. Edward's*

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

<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.		Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday</b>		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass Feast of All Saints</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass Feast of All Saints</b>



*Half-term Family Walk - 4 miles*  
*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 11am*

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

**ALL WELCOME - BRING PACKED LUNCH & WATER.**

*Route suitable school age & above. See Facebook & last week's newsletter.*



### **COVID Please continue to wear a mask**

We have made fairly large advances in recent weeks for Sunday worship. However, as a result of this week's announcements, Fr Brian considers it foolish to ignore the British Medical Association and therefore appeals to those who can, to wear a mask at Sunday Mass as numbers and proximity are greater.

### **St Edward's New Boiler**

The plot thickens, and the boiler has been replaced. Extra expense but ensuring that the money spent on decorating is not wasted. Thanks go to Danny at Valley Heating Ltd 07772 955824, (a Darwen Company), who took time out of a busy period to sort out our problem!

### **Darwen Rotary Winter Coat Appeal**

**18<sup>th</sup> October- 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Good quality warm winter coats for the homeless can be dropped off at the following locations: Darwen Market Annex, Darwen Leisure Centre, Derwent Hall, Dolly's Tearooms. Darwen Furniture Gifts. Erin's Place.

### **Schools Half-term**

We wish everyone a relaxing break!



### **St Bede's Living School Life to its Fullest**

Fr Brian celebrated two Masses of Welcome at St Bede's this week. It was great to see Year 7 reflecting on this theme and the school community promoting it.

**CROHN'S & COLITIS UK**

FIGHTING  
INFLAMMATORY  
BOWEL DISEASE  
TOGETHER

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

### **Christmas Draw & Collections**

Former St Bede's student, Tiana Thompson, died in January 2020, aged 20, as a result of complications from Crohn's disease. Members of Tiana's family are very much part of our Parish community. They are continuing to raise awareness about Crohn's disease. Proceeds from our Christmas Draw will be split between the Parish and the charity All Christmas collections this year will also go to Crohn's & Colitis in memory of Tiana.

**Christmas Charity Draw**  
**Proceeds to Parish & Crohn's & Colitis UK**  
**LIVE DRAW ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December After 6.15pm Mass**

*Many thanks for your generous prize donations.*

*See last week's newsletter for list of prizes.*

**PLUS Meal for Two Black Olive Darwen & Peru2U 3D Aroma Lamp.**

*Prizes can still be donated up to the draw.*

Tickets have been ordered and will go on sale once printed. It is worth noting that as there is no Christmas Fair again, this is a good opportunity to contribute to Parish and community fundraising.

## Mass Intentions

**Anniversaries:** Ellen McGlown (26<sup>th</sup> Oct), Michael Coster, Mary Howard (26<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Birthday Anniversaries:** Margaret Nolan (23<sup>rd</sup> Oct), Peggy Read (26<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**Other:** Alex, John & Mary Howard wedding anniversary 27<sup>th</sup> Oct,

**Let us pray...**

for her Majesty The Queen,  
who has not been well.

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUSPENDED

Live-Stream St Joseph's

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



### Blind Bartimaeus

Pope Francis wrote: *"This Gospel seals 3 fundamental steps on the journey of faith: To listen, to be a neighbour, to bear witness. Faith has to do with encounter, not theory. In encounter, Jesus passes by; in encounter, the heart of the Church beats. Then, not our preaching, but our witness of life will prove effective."*



## COP26 2021 31<sup>st</sup> October-12<sup>th</sup> November

This is the United Nations climate change conference, which will take place in Glasgow with the UK as President. **POPE FRANCIS - Laudato Si §14:** *"I urgently appeal then for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."* In the run up to COP26, we are asked to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet, by using a special prayer in their parishes and at home.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cop26/>



Hi Children,  
Fr Christmas is back at the North Pole. He will be very busy for a few weeks, but he will write again when he's ready to travel. I'm knitting him new socks for his visit to Darwen!  
Love Mrs Claus xxx

## Assisted Dying Bill

Faith Leaders have united over recent weeks opposing the legalisation of Assisted Dying. The Bishops of England & Wales and Salford Diocese have brought this to our attention with a call for action for us to pray for the defeat of this bill and to write to the Houses of Lords/Commons asking them to oppose this bill.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2021/>

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/action-on-the-assisted-dying-bill/>

## Knights of St Columba

**"Live not by Lies"** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Our own KSC urge that if this bill is legalised it is important that a strong defence of the status quo is mounted. A core teaching of the Catholic Faith is the sacred nature of human life from conception, and that the taking of life, born or unborn, is morally wrong. KSC ask that the pro-life case is promoted.

## Fr Brian's New Car

Fr Brian has purchased another car. He prays that it is in fact a silver dream and not a brilliant nightmare. Don't worry, he has saved up for this one and is saving up for the next one!

## Darwen Townswomen Guild

The group is hoping to resume in November so keep an eye out for information next week.

## Amazon Smile

Did you know that on Amazon, for free, you can choose a charity and for every purchase you make they donate 0.5% to this charity.

[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

## REMEMBER

**Clocks go back 31<sup>st</sup> October  
1 hour NEXT weekend!**

So, if you arrive an hour early for Mass, don't worry, everyone has done it at some point!



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - MANY THANKS

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

A/C no. 40835803

Sort code: 205534



## Mass Rota Next Weekend 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October

**Readers:** 6.15pm D Witherington;  
9am J Nicklin; 11am A Atkinson.

**Ministers:** 6.15 A Gibbs & P Ainscough;  
9am M Alvarez & R Knowles; 11am M Bauer



**Santa's Grotto  
St Edward's Church**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am-2pm  
ALL WELCOME**

**£1 ENTRY FOR SANTA & GIFT**

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED JUST TURN UP.**

*We will ask scouts to provide refreshments  
in the Parish Hall while people wait.*

