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"Your liberation is near at hand."

1st Sunday of Advent – Year C

28th November 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	1.30 p.m. 7.30 pm		Requiem Mass Josephine Bradley-Simms R.I.P. KSC Meeting
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday		11.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass Kathleen Bellusci R.I.P.
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass – with Y3 & Y5 from St Edward's School
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service (Fr Brian Masses at St Bede's)
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 2 nd Sunday of Advent



UPDATE ON ADVENT CONFESSIONS

There will NOT be a Reconciliation Service during Advent due to escalating covid numbers and the need still to be vigilant and careful as the pandemic continues. If anyone would like the Sacrament of Confession please approach Fr Brian to arrange this.



SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER

SANTA'S GROTTTO

St Edward's Church

10am – 2pm ALL WELCOME

£1 ENTRY FOR SANTA & GIFT

Refreshments while you wait.

Christmas Tree Prayer Tags

During Advent you are invited to:

Write the name of a loved one on a Christmas gift-tag and place in the basket on the altar. Or post through either presbytery door. Or email names titled Prayer Tree Tags to: admin@darwencatholic.org.uk



RAFFLE TICKETS

There are just a few books left at each Church. Please return any unused tickets and/or counterfoils with money in an envelope, as soon as possible.

Simple Christmas Masses

All our Christmas Masses will again be simple and quiet. We will have the missalettes and use hymn books which is at least some progress from last year!

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS

BOOK 1 MASS ONLY & PLEASE TEXT:

SURNAME - MASS TIME - PLACES

e.g. Brown 6.30pm 2 places

A simple YES/NO reply will be returned.



Christmas Eve

6.30pm Vigil St Edward's: 07772 257315

Midnight Mass St Joseph's: 07772 257315

Christmas Day

9am St Joseph's: 07598 908987

11am St Edward's: 07722 889932

Christmas Raffle & Collections

Proceeds from our Christmas Draw will be split between the Parish and Crohn's & Colitis UK in memory of Tiana Thompson. All Christmas collections this year will also go to the Charity.

**CROHN'S &
COLITIS UK**

25% of people newly diagnosed with Crohn's or Ulcerative Colitis are children or teenagers.

LIVE DRAW SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER
At St Joseph's Church after 6.15pm Mass.

'Appy Birt'dee Scouser

Mass will be celebrated this week for a banana-loving Octogenarian. Lots of candles but no flowers during Advent! Many happy returns soft lad!



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Brenda Taylor, Josephine Bradley Simms, Gerard Waddington, Joseph McKenna Kathleen Bellusci

Anniversaries: Esther McIntyre (26th Nov), Charles McIntyre (27th Nov), Derek Walsh (28th Nov) Nancy Ellen Shaw (26th Nov)

Other: Alec Gordon 80th Birthday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION UP-DATE

Message from Salford Diocese:

"Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church." In Honouring Sunday statement issued last week, our Bishops recognise that prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass, but have asked us all to reconsider the patterns that may have formed in recent months regarding Sunday Mass.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/>



Live-Stream St Joseph's



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

Requiem Masses this week:

Monday 29th November 1.30pm

Josephine Bradley-Simms

PREPARING THE WAY

A great suggestion from our Diocese: From December 1st, read 1 chapter of the Book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life, renewing the sense of why we celebrate Christmas within yourself.



What are you doing for Advent?

It's cold and it's dark; routines can be lost and we can become lethargic. Be alert. Stay awake.

Do something this Advent to celebrate life and to keep physically and mentally fit through winter.

Be cautious with alcohol.

Christmas Presents

Funds from the Parish have been used to buy children's Christmas presents which will be distributed through the Food Larder. Parcels will also be provided for residents of the James St Hostel.

Football Excursion

On Wednesday evening, Fr Brian cut through the bleak and cold of winter to watch Blackburn Rovers destroy Peterborough 4-0. Prayers are asked for the Peterborough fans still making their way home.

Fr B Safeguarding Training Up-date

Last week Fr Brian completed the annual safeguarding training course so is now up-to-date.

STAY SAFE THIS WINTER

Fr Brian had the booster jab on Friday; he didn't cry! We can all take care of each other as follows:

Grab the Jab: Get fully vaccinated plus booster.

Wear a Mask: In all public spaces.

Sanitise: Wash hands regularly & carry sanitiser.

Ventilation: Open windows/doors mixing indoors.

Covid Tests: Take regular tests before mixing.

Offertory Envelopes Available Now

These are at the back of the Church where we think you may attend. If your envelopes are not there or you would like delivery, please let us know.

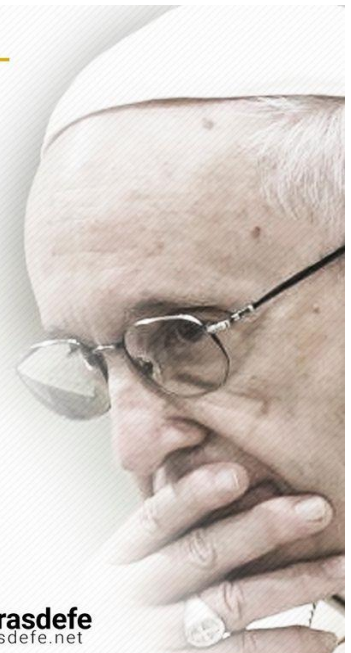
Messages of Pope Francis

Let us not to forget to **thank God**. If we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope.

- Pope Francis



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On Yer Bike

Has anyone spotted a hi-viz yellow-jacketed wobbling cyclist along the A666 this week between St Edward's and St Joseph's Churches?

Fr Brian's No Car Day This week: Thursday!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

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Mass Rota Next Weekend 4th/5th December

Readers: 6.15pm D Witherington;

9am J Nicklin; 11am J Walsh

Ministers: 6.15pm A Barker & C Garrity;

9am MR Gordon & G Brindle; 11am B Beardsworth