



**"Unless you repent you will  
all perish as they did."**

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year C**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 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			<a href="#">No Mass – St Bede's Y11 visit to St Joseph's</a>
Tuesday	<b>2.00 p.m.</b>	9.15 a.m.	School Mass – Y6 in Church <b>Requiem Mass – Jean McBride R.I.P.</b>
Wednesday			<a href="#">No Mass – St Bede's Y11 visit to St Joseph's</a>
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday		<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Requiem Mass - Yvonne Ross R.I.P.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>		<b>Vigil Mass – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>



## RAFFLE TICKETS

**Please return all unused tickets & counterfoils now.**  
**LIVE DRAW NEXT SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**At St Joseph's Church after 6.15pm Mass.**

## Mass Exodus for Grand Draw

In order to facilitate an efficient live draw, Fr Brian will ask everyone to leave promptly at the end of 6.15 Mass next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are folded, prizes are numbered and the list is ready for action. Winners and totals will be published once collated after the draw.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT**

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

## Online Banking Appeal

We are grateful for your continued financial support and appreciate every form in which this is made. During the pandemic, many parishioners have maintained their weekly contribution by setting up a monthly standing order or bank transfer. This method has proved most beneficial, particularly for gift-aid purposes. We therefore invite everyone to engage in this way, if possible, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, except for those who prefer to make weekly cash donations.

## Ministry Rotas

New rotas for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers have been circulated. Hard copies are also available from the noticeboards in both sacristies. In view of the current covid situation there will now be just one Eucharistic Minister distributing communion along with Fr Brian. *We will print names from the published rotas each week and any swaps can be arranged separately between individuals.*

## Covid Update

**If you are in any way vulnerable, please stay at home during this new wave of the pandemic.**

- Masks are now compulsory for over 11s in Church for all services unless exempt.
- Social distancing measures are not required but we ask that you keep a safe distance in Church and avoid social interaction when Mass ends.
- Hand sanitising will continue on entry to Church.
- Ventilation is advised depending on numbers so be prepared for open doors and draughts.
- Full vaccinations & booster is advised.
- A lateral flow test is advised before gathering.

## Christmas Tree Prayers

How beautiful to see our trees in Church filled with the love and care of people and prayers. Thank you to our schools and everyone who has contributed, including those watching from home!

## In the Pink

Rejoice - Fr Brian gets to wear PINK this Sunday!

## 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**

## Mass Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Brian Philbin, Adelina Posteraro, Jean McBride, Yvonne Ross, Dorothy McKay, Kathleen Purdy Stephen Billington, Tony Jones

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Toner (7<sup>th</sup> Dec), Christopher Walsh (11<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**Birthday Anniversaries:** Christopher Burke (14<sup>th</sup> Dec)

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION UP-DATE

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pastoral-letter-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>



### Live-Stream St Joseph's



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

Requiem Mass this week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Jean McBride RIP

ADVENT FEATURE

## GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

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### Dies Dominum – Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

To encourage a process of reflection and to promote the vital, indispensable and irreplaceable place of the Eucharist in our lives, the Bishops' Conference has produced a series of conversations for Advent called '*Dies Domini – Keeping the Lord's Day Holy*'. Our inspiration comes from Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Letter of the same name from 1998.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-day-of-the-lord/>



### Santa Claus Returns

Father Christmas loved Darwen so much he will be back during the week to visit both our primary schools. Listen out for his sleigh-bells ringing!

### Happy Christmas to & from our Schools

After another incredible term we salute everyone in school for their hard work and dedication. Our schools have also conveyed thanks to the Parish for continued support and practical help. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas.

### Goodbye Good Luck & God Bless

At the end of this week, we will say a fond farewell to Office Manager, Pauline Douglas after many years of dedicated service in St Edward's School. We wish her good health and happiness in her retirement!

### World Wide Web Support

Many thanks once again to all those who tune in to our live-stream across the world. Special thanks for donations to the raffle and contributions to the Christmas tree prayers. Your support and presence from a distance is greatly valued.

### Fr Brian's Ride in Storm Barra

Fr Brian will not be cycling in a cyclone at rush hour in the rain again! **'No Car Day' this week: Wednesday.**

**BBC RADIO 4**

## MIDNIGHT MASS

DEC 24 · 11:30PM

AT  
**SALFORD CATHEDRAL**  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### Pilgrimage

Fr Brian asks for your prayers this Sunday afternoon as he is going on pilgrimage!

### Red Mission Boxes St Edward's

Boxes can be left at the back of Church this week or next, ready for counting. Once emptied they will be left at the back of Church for return. If you can't bring your box to Church please let us know and we will arrange collection. Contact Sarah Stowe: 07545 242190



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

A/C: **TSDT Sacred Heart**

A/C no. **40835803**

Sort code: **205534**

### Mass Rota Next Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December

**Readers:** 6.15pm Lesley Atherton;  
9am B Hughes; 11am J Ainsworth

**Ministers:** 6.15pm P Wardle;  
9am G Brindle; 11am A Hewitt

