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"Today a Saviour has been born to you."

Feast of the Holy Family – Year C

26th December 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

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Saturday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Christmas Day Masses (No Vigil Mass Saturday Night)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses Feast of the Holy Family
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	10.00 a.m.		New Year's Day Mass (No Vigil Mass Saturday Night)
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass – 2 nd Sunday of Christmas



Christmas Draw & 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

PLEASE NOTE
You can donate online or post if you are unable to attend Mass.

Christmas Thanks

Even through the Covid crisis, it is amazing how many people contribute to the Roman Catholic community here in Darwen. Most are unaware of the good they do or the number of people they have blessed with their kindness. Fr. Brian would personally like to thank all those who have supported the work of Christ in our Parish and local community. He is a servant, and it is an honour to serve the servants of God. May the simplicity of the birth of the Christ child allow us all to recognise our core beliefs. **Also...** Fr Brian would also like to thank everyone for the presents and cards received during the festive season some of which induced a degree of thirst for January 1st, when he drops off the wagon! He wishes each and every one of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Church Preparation

A very special thanks to those who have cleaned, prepared, decorated and contributed to the Christmas decoration of our Churches. The simplicity and beauty of our altars are enhanced for this great feast, which in itself is a model of simplicity. We will post photos of our trees and cribs on Facebook & our website this weekend to share the annual celebration.

RAFFLE SUCCESS - £2,633



Thanks to everyone who organised and supported this great fundraiser. Proceeds will be split between the Parish and our chosen Christmas charity Crohn's & Colitis UK. **1st Prize £200** The winning ticket 'S. Edwards' was drawn out of thousands by Fr Brian, in front of a live-stream audience and with 4 other parishioners present! It took until Sunday afternoon to make contact with the winner – Sheila Edwards, grandmother of Tiana Thompson, in whose memory this charity raffle is being supported. At the same time that Sheila was being told of her win, Fr Brian was searching for the contact number of Tiana's grandma to tell her how much the raffle had made. God does indeed work in mysterious ways! **Raffle Prizes** are published on our website homepage blog: www.darwencatholic.org.uk All winners have been contacted by text or phone and most prizes have now been claimed. Remaining prizes can be collected from St Joseph's Church.

Thank You

"Dear Fr Brian
As a family we would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Raffle. People who donated prizes, people who bought tickets and gave donations; also, the people who laid out prizes and did the draw. This charity means so much to our family so a HUGE THANK YOU from Tiana's Family. Have a lovely Christmas and God Bless you all. Yours truly, The Edwards Family."

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Dorothy McKay, Kathleen Purdy, Geoff Tolley, Peter Lamb, Leon Kow

Anniversaries: Barbara Timms (22nd Dec), Elizabeth Bolan (24th Dec), Peter Summerfield (25th Dec), Frank Helliwell (26th Dec), Ann Barbara Connor (3rd Jan),

Birthday Anniversaries: Anne McIver (30th Dec)

Christmas: Jean Bolan, Stephen Bolan, Sheila Brookes, Anne & Tom McIver, Violet & Thomas McIver, Jackie & Gerald McIver, Beatrice & Robert Holden, Peter Holden, Winnifred Pattinson, Eliza Smith, Bert & Andrew Hustwit, McIver Family, Peter Scott, Scott Family, Harry & Blanche Grime, Joseph Smith, Margaret Smith, McIntyre Family, Raymond Conlon, Gerard Waddington

Other: Turner Family, Sacred Heart & St Jude for favours received



Live-Stream St Joseph's church services 
<https://www.churchservices.tv/darwen>

Sacramental Programme Registration Meeting

Wednesday 19th January 2021

2.15 pm St Edward's Church Hall & 6pm St Joseph's Church



This meeting is for parents to register their children on the programme i.e. children currently in Year 3, or older children who may have missed the programme. Both meeting venues are open to our parish primary schools and parents of baptised children in the parish attending non-Catholic schools. There will be 3 separate groups for 2022: St Edward's School Group, St Joseph's School Group and Non-Catholic Schools Parish Group Dates are published on our website:

<https://www.darwencatholic.org.uk/sacramental-programme/>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint; when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." (Dom Helder Camara)

Foodbank & Hostel Christmas Gifts

Presents for children via the food larder were distributed this week along with individual parcels for the young adult residents of James Street Hostel. Thanks to all involved in buying, wrapping and distributing these and appreciation for your on-going financial support to the Parish.

Local Business Support for Raffle

A special thanks to the businesses who provided donations or raffle prizes for the raffle: Ainsworth's Funeral Directors, Artisan Escapes Whalley, Chocolate Café Ramsbottom, Darwen Furniture Store, Dolly's Tearooms, Flames Bar & Grill, Shelley's Butchers, Turner's Butchers, Peru2U, The Black Olive, Tenpin Bowling, Unique Boutique plus all who donated such terrific prizes.

Fr Brian's No-Car Day – Monday this week!

Salford Cathedral Midnight Mass Radio 4

Salford Cathedral's annual Midnight Mass will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 this year! The broadcast begins 11:30pm. **Listen on BBC Radio 4 (92-95FM) or tune in at the BBC Sounds Website.**

Bishop's Conference Last Week Sunday Obligation



"The Bishops, now having reflected on the current situation in England & Wales, recognise that the cause and effects of the pandemic are still present to such a degree that the absolute duty for all to freely attend the Sunday Eucharist Celebration cannot yet be fulfilled."

Official Covid Update

The risk of touch transmission has been proved now to be very small so there is no need for strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the pandemic.

Congregational singing within church buildings should continue with applied face coverings.

Practical Guidance

- Face coverings must be worn in Church buildings unless exempt.
- Hand sanitiser to be available in Church.
- Good ventilation & air circulation to be created.
- General church cleaning is sufficient.
- All eligible adults are encouraged to get vaccinated &/or have booster vaccination.
- Anyone involved in pastoral ministry should take regular lateral flow tests.

Bwd Health Walks Programme 2022

Blackburn with Darwen Council's Re:refresh scheme provides a programme of healthy led walks. For more information on the January-March 2022 walks:

<https://bwdconnect.org.uk/travel-choices/walking/health-walks-2/>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

A/C: TSDT Sacred Heart

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Rotas Next Weekend 2nd January 2022

Readers: Sunday: to be arranged on day.

Ministers: Sunday 9am M Alvarez; 11am J Ainsworth