



"All mankind shall see the salvation of God."

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2nd Sunday of Advent – Year C

5th December 2021

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

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| Saturday | 6.15 p.m. | | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Mass |
| Monday | | 1.00 p.m. | Requiem Mass Brian Philbin R.I.P. |
| Tuesday | | 9.15 a.m. | Eucharistic Service |
| Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | | Mass |
| Thursday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass – with Y4 & Y6 from St Edward's School |
| Friday | 1.30 p.m. | | Requiem Mass Adelina Posteraro R.I.P. |
| Saturday | | 9.15 a.m. | Mass |
| | 6.15 p.m. | | Vigil Mass – 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | 11.00 a.m. | Mass – 3rd Sunday of Advent |



Bishop's Pastoral Letter & Sunday Mass Clarification

Bishop John has clarified the return to Mass under current public health conditions:

"Given the recent history and unpredictability of the Covid pandemic, and the fact that we are still experiencing high rates of infection in some areas, it is understandable that some people, particularly those with underlying medical conditions, may still feel that they should be cautious. This is to be accepted without question. If you feel that you cannot attend Mass for the time being, please do not consider yourself in any way excluded or at fault. We look forward to welcoming you back when you judge the time is right."

The pastoral letter is at the back of Church and available on the Diocesan website:
<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pastoral-letter-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent/>



RAFFLE TICKETS PLEASE RETURN ASAP

Please return unused tickets & counterfoils with money in an envelope, ASAP!



Festive Family Fun

3 cheers for Santa and his helpers who provided such joy for many children visiting the grotto on Saturday. A big shout-out too for the teenage refreshment leaders and to everyone who facilitated and supported this event taking necessary precautions for infection control.

Sanctuary Night Light St Joseph's

A low energy lamp has been installed to light up the sanctuary, for those who wish to tune in and say a prayer at night: <https://www.churchservicestv/darwen>

Legacy

We have had a further legacy from the estate of the late Pamela Jarvis which will boost finances for the parish. May she rest in peace.

Craft & Chatter Donation

Thank you to our Parish Craft & Chatter Group for a generous donation of £100 to the Crohn's & Colitis charity fundraising. This coincides well with:
Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Week 1st-7th Dec

Prayers Answered

Snow cancellation...Fr Brian gets to see the replay!

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: Josephine Bradley Simms, Kathleen Bellusci, Brian Philbin, Adelina Posteraro, Jean McBride

Birthday Anniversaries: Eileen Roberts (1st Dec), Bernard Healey (4th Dec)

Live-Stream St Joseph's church services tv

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

Requiem Mass this week

Wednesday 1.30pm Adelina Posteraro R.I.P.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION UP-DATE

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St Bede's Masses

Year 8 strangely celebrated their 'Welcome Mass' on Friday, because when they entered Year 7, Covid restrictions prevented any gathering of the children for Mass. Needless to say they were wonderful.

St Joseph's School Advent Doors

We applaud St Joseph's on another year of Advent Doors. Check out the school Facebook page to see the doors opening with a different live scene each day during Advent. Great job and well worth a look!

St Edward's Masses

Years 3 & 5 joined the Thursday morning Mass at St Edward's, sharing a quiet Advent celebration. This week we welcome Years 4 & 6. The school enjoyed a somewhat noisier experience on their panto visit to see Dick Whittington at the Empire Theatre. Oh no they didn't... OH YES THEY DID!

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.

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

Half a Season

In fellowship with the people of his Parish, Fr Brian has bought a ½ season ticket for Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. But the pies are better at Burnley!

Fr Brian's Re-Cycling

Fr Brian discovered a less hilly cycling route to St Bede's via Ewood. It was very cold, but he did not call at McDonald's on the way!

This week 'No Car Day' will be Thursday.



Red Mission Boxes St Edward's

Boxes can be left at the back of St Edward's Church for the next two Sundays ready for counting. Once emptied they will be left at the back of Church for return. If you are unable to bring your box to Church please let us know and we will arrange collection.
Contact Sarah Stowe: 07545 242190



A Light in the Darkness

This Jewish festival commemorates the rededication of the Temple in 165 bc by the Maccabees after its desecration by the Syrians. The ancient Hebrew calendar determines when Hanukkah is celebrated.

In 2021, the holiday is being celebrated from sundown on November 28 to sundown on December 6. One of the cornerstones of Hanukkah celebrations is lighting the menorah each of the eight nights of the holiday. Let us pray for peace and hope and the strength to re-build and start afresh.

Mass Rotas

Copies of the new rotas for Eucharistic Ministers are available soon at the back of Church this weekend. Readers rotas will follow soon.

Covid Up-date <https://bit.ly/32JaGNu>

There is concern about the new variant. Local authority advice is that we do not need to panic but we do need to take serious action now including:

- Wear masks everywhere in enclosed public spaces when moving around.
- Reduce avoidable, but not important, social interaction.
- Step up all the infection control measures - washing hands, regular lateral flow tests, ventilation etc.
- Take a lateral flow test before large gatherings.
- Manage the risks of any activity or gathering.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

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Mass Rota Next Weekend 11th/12th December

Readers: 6.15pm C Garrity;

9am G Brindle; 11am C Avino

Ministers: 6.15pm A Gibbs & P Ainscough;

9am M Alvarez & R Knowles; 11am J Ainsworth