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*"While Jesus after his own baptism
was at prayer, heaven opened."*

Baptism of The Lord – Year C

9th January 2022

St. Joseph's St. Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday			Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses – 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time



Covid

The issue of Covid infection is sadly becoming political, with one newspaper proclaiming one understanding and another newspaper proclaiming the contrary. We, as Roman Catholics, are simply concerned that we protect one another.

Blackburn with Darwen Council are advising:

The two key things to do now are get vaccinated and boosted as soon as possible and, for the next eight weeks at least, limit your social contacts to those most important to you.

Sacramental Programme

Registration Meeting

Wednesday 19th January 2021

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

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



Crohn's Colitis UK

Cheques have now been sent to the charity and we will arrange a special presentation for press publicity very soon. Many thanks to the industrious counters who took on this mammoth task in addition to the weekly collections.

Planning Ahead

Fairtrade Fortnight

21 February to 6 March 2022

In 2022 the online

'Choose the World you Want Festival' will return from 21 February to 6 March. Last year's festival saw campaigners, shoppers, students and businesses come together in a show of support for the farmers behind fairtrade food on the front line of the climate crisis.



New Year Resolutions

A week has passed. Is the sink still clear? Have you managed to do without sugar? How many times have you been for a walk? Did you ring your sister? How many plastic bags have you acquired? Is that musical instrument gathering dust? Have you cleaned your shoes? DON'T WORRY! You can always start again!

Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

The theme this year is 'One Day'. You can follow different interpretations of this online, including thoughts from survivors:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/>



Pray for Peace

In the world, in our home and in your heart.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Kathleen Purdy, Leon Kowalewski (101 years)

Anniversaries: Ann Shaw (15th Jan), Declan Troy (7th Jan), Agnes Cabbage 6th Jan, Wilfrid Cabbage (13th Jan), Eric Boardman 4th Jan, John Shorrocks (5th Jan)

Birthday Anniversaries: Harry Grime (4th Jan)

Other: Oliver Family – 1st anniversary of their daughter

Live-Stream St Joseph's

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



What is Epiphany?

EPIPHANY is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation."

The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

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Three Kings or Magi?

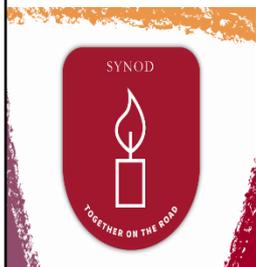
After Jesus was born, Wise Men came to look for Him. Although they are often called the 'Three Kings', the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. They were certainly men of great learning. The word Magi comes from the Greek word 'magos' (where the English word 'magic' comes from). The magi would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. The Magi represent us, that JESUS is sent for all of us.

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Universal Synod

Synod means "journeying together". Pope Francis has asked us to consider how we can walk together with people and groups on the margins, on the edge of the road. *You can get involved as an individual and share your thoughts on the future of the Catholic Church:*

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/how-to-get-involved-with-the-synod-2/>



Diocesan Synod

In tandem with the Universal Synod, Bishop John has also announced a Diocesan Synod, inviting us to reflect on the work of our diocese and consider how God is calling us to build His Church on a local level.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/how-to-get-involved-with-the-synod-2/>

Gift Aid

If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make. You simply need to sign a Gift Aid declaration form which are available from Jim Fitzgerald. Please ask.

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 January 2022, except for those who prefer to make weekly cash donations.

TELEVISION *"I find television very educating. Every time someone turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book!"* Groucho Marx

Darwen Food Larder

Thanks to all who donated and worked above and beyond the usual schedules in the run up to Christmas. The work continues; but the need grows. Your regular donations of non-perishable items are greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

Please drop off at St Joseph's Church car-park & leave in the shelter next to the garage.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MANY THANKS

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Mass Rota Next Weekend 15th / 16th January

Readers: 6.15pm A Barker;

9am G Brindle; 11am C Avino

Ministers: 6.15pm R Knowles;

9am M R Gordon; 11am A Hewitt