

"We have found the Messiah"

# The Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Darwen

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 14 <sup>th</sup> January 202			
	St Joseph's	St Edward's	
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.	<b>0110 U</b>	Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Sunday Masses
Monday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and
			Coach Trip to the new Tesco Store in Darwen
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Saturday		9.15 a.m.	Mass
	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Mass The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Our Parish Coach Trip 2024

People enjoyed the trips that were organised last year 2023. We are now into a new year and the planning must continue if we are to enjoy further trips this year.

We require some suggestions as to when we should go. Before or after Easter!

Where would you like to go for the trip? Previously we have been to Liverpool, Chester, York and Chatsworth House. Would you like to visit any of these again or further options are open for consideration, like North Wales, The Lakes or The Dales. Your suggestions are important in making the trip a success. Please just let Fr Brian know, by dropping him a note.



## Ash Wednesday

Amazingly, the 14th of February will soon be upon us and with it the start of Lent. This is all down to the Julian Calendar.

## **Food Larder Meeting**

There is to be a meeting of all the different people involved with the Food Larder on Thursday 18th January at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's Church. This is an group comprised from all the faith communities, working together to help solve just one of Darwen's problems. We are always looking for further help. If you feel you can give time please see Fr Brian.

# The Big Listen

Very many thanks to all those who contributed to the Big Listen meeting on last Thursday. This was an opportunity to hear the views of the people in the benches. All participation is appreciated.



A special word for all those at home who follow the Church services on our streaming service. You remain very welcome and a real part of our praying community.

#### **Mass Intentions**

The newsletter team would like to review the mass intentions received over the Christmas and New Year period and we have republished the names. We would ask all parishioners to join with us and pray for the following loved ones.

Lately Dead: Jean Casey, Helen Cowell, Sally Carter, John Henry.

Mass Intentions: Barbara Timms, Thomas Taylor, George Hackett, Ted Godwin, Brian Christopher Walsh, Christopher Burke, Frank Helliwell, Margaret & Joseph Smith, Brian Entwistle, The Entwistle Family, The Waddington Family, The Byrne Family, The Taylor Family, Winifred Pattison, The McIver Family, Anne and Tom McIver, Violet and Tom McIver, Jackie and Gerald McIver, Beatrice and Robert Holden, Joe & Esther Holden, The McIntyre Family, The Scott Family, The Grime Family, Peter Munro Scott, Peter Summerfield, John McIntosh, Jimmy Mullaney, David Spink, Andrew and Bert Hustwit, Elza Smith, James Culshaw, Hazel Ainscough, Maureen Watson, Barbara Conner, Harry Grime, The Hustwit Family, The Pattison Family, The Holden Family, Ann McIver, Mary Scott, Percy Scott, Allan Hewitt, Agnes Cubbage, Wilfred Cubbage, John Walsh, Ann Shaw, Nora Vahey, John and Mary Howard, Robert Large, George and Annie Hackett, The Howard Family, The Durkin Family, Patrick Joseph Kerrane, Mary Louisa Kerrane, Michael John Kerrane, Peter Richard Kerrane, Paul Bernard Kerrane, Frances Margaret Cox(nee Kerrane), Trent Duffy.

**Special Intention:** Three Masses for Special Intention, Mass for Special Intention, Special Offering for the Heys Family, Special Offering to St Joseph.

# **Sacramental Programme**

There will be meetings of the parents involved in the Sacramental programme taking place on **Wednesday 17th of January** 2.15pm at St Edwards Hall, and 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church.

No doubt we shall also soon be talking about confirmation.

#### **New Years Resolutions**

I am still in line for sticking to my New Years Resolution and the sink is still clear.

How are you doing with yours? Fr Brian



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## Rotas this Weekend 13th and 14th January 2024

<u>Readers:</u> 6.15pm: L. Atherton 9am: B. Hughes 11am: C. Avino

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.15pm: P. Ainscough

9am: G. Brindle 11am: B. Beardsworth

## **Faith Gathering**

On the **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** at St Edwards Parish Hall from 12.30pm, we have planned a gathering of representatives of the town faiths. We plan to discuss what our faiths have in common and what makes them distinctive.

You are all warmly welcome to join us.

#### **Easter Eggs**

We did not have our competition for the spotting of the first Easter Egg this year. However, there is a definite prize for those who bring in a picture of the first 2024 Christmas sales in our shops. This excludes those stores that have an isle or range for Christmas all year round.

It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our beautiful churches that are used by so many.

So, thank you and pray that we can keep on going.

# Thank you for your support.

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<u>Readers:</u> 6.15pm: D. Witherington 9am: S. McMillan 11am: J. Ainsworth <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> 6.15pm: C. Garrity

9am: F. Davis 11am: B. Suddick