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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

27<sup>th</sup> April 2008

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

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| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Sunday mass – Sixth Sunday of Easter                                     |
| Monday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass – St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr. First martyr of Oceania.     |
| Tuesday   | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass – St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor. Born in Italy in 1347. |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass – St. Pius the Fifth, pope. Created seminaries and first catechism. |
|           | 7.00 p.m.  | Bible study group  |
| Thursday  | 10.00 a.m. | <b>School Mass in church – St. Joseph the Worker- Patronal Feast</b>     |
| Friday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass – St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor. Bishop of Alexandria.          |
| Saturday  | 12.00 noon | Mass, followed by confessions  |
|           | 6.15 p.m.  | Vigil mass for Sunday  |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Sunday mass – The Ascension of the Lord                                  |

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## Retiring collection this weekend

... for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund (for the training of priests). In addition to money, we also need prayers, generosity and encouragement on the part of families and young men.

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## Scouts St. George's Day parade

On behalf of the Darwen District Scout Association, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way with the St. George's Day parade of standards, mass, refreshments, etc. last Sunday. Groups were represented from St. Joseph's, Bold Venture Park, Hoddlesden St. Paul's, 1<sup>st</sup> Turton and Lower Darwen. This was a very pleasant and uplifting occasion, with over 100 Scout members present in church.

A special thanks to Fr. Peter and the parishioners of St. Joseph's for facilitating and welcoming all these young people on this special day.

**Michael Grime, Darwen District Commissioner (Acting)**

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**Lists of winning raffle numbers are on the notice board, the parish website and on the tables in the porch. Please collect prizes from the hall on Tuesday 6-9pm when the Scout Group section meetings take place.**

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## Pentecost (Whit) Sunday – Choral Evensong

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30 p.m.**

You are asked to come along to St. Joseph's to celebrate this great feast of the Church by joining in Choral Evensong, which will be led by the joint choirs of St. Cuthbert's and St. Peter's, Darwen. Choral Evensong is the traditional evening prayer of the monasteries, dating back well before the Reformation, and is the origin of our psalms and antiphons. Please let's have a full church!

## Mass intentions received

**Anniversary:** Thomas McIver – 2 masses

**Sick:** Michael Wood Jnr.

**Other intentions:** Gail Heys – 2 masses, the Yates family, Thomasine Anderson – 2 masses, Cheryl and Antonio Panico – 2 masses, the Aldcroft family, the Lawson family, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Our Lady of good remedy – 3 masses, St. Jude, St. Theresa, St. Bernadette and St. Winifred, Hilda, Clive and Brenda

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## The Pope's mission intentions for 2008 – April

Join with the Holy Father in praying that future priests in young Churches may be fully prepared to proclaim the Gospel in their own countries and to the whole world.

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## Fauré's Requiem

**St. Joseph's Church, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30 p.m.**

Saint Mary's College choir will be performing Fauré's Requiem in church. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free but donations will be appreciated.

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## "Positive about age"

**St. Paul's Methodist Church, Blackburn, on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30 p.m.**

Bernard Styan (from Age Concern) will speak at Churches Together in Blackburn with Darwen's May Forum, to be followed by the Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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## ... and don't forget...

**Murder mystery evening.** Players and helpers needed. Please leave your name and contact number with Father Peter or on the list on the notice board.

**Parish meal at Craiglands, 29<sup>th</sup> June.** Further details from Alec or Margaret on 772365.

**"Active Kids" vouchers.** Please leave any at the back of church.

**Charity shop, 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September.** Please save and store any saleable, unwanted items. To volunteer for sorting items or serving in the shop, please call Eileen on 01254 776234.

**Cake stall.** If you are able to bake even a small amount, please add your name to the list.

**Pentecost youth mass,** 10<sup>th</sup> May, St. Anne's Church, Crumpsall. Further details 0161 740 2448.

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## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £605.46

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | £40 | 90  | Peter Quigley |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | £10 | 182 | Anna Gibbs    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | £5  | 26  | Frances Hunt  |

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## Ministries

|                              | This week  |  | Next week  |  |
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|                              | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Sunday</b>  |
| <b>Reader</b>                | J. Heywood   | School   | Parade   | C. Wright  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | A. Barker<br>S. Jackson<br>A. Gibbs<br>P. Ainscough<br>K. Hine | M. Alvarez<br>J. Briggs<br>R. Massey<br>D. Forbes<br>A. Gordon | P. Wardle<br>M. Saynor<br>T. McIver<br>R. Knowles<br>A. Barker | D. Beaton<br>G. Brindle<br>D. Jarrett<br>M. Alvarez<br>J. Briggs |

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