

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

20th April 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

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| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter Scouts fun day in the parish hall |
| Monday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Anselm, bishop and doctor. Born in Aosta (Italy) in 1033. |
| Tuesday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. George, martyr, patron of England. Martyred in Israel c. 303. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Bible study group |
| Thursday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr. The second bishop of Prague. |
| Friday | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic Service – St. Mark, evangelist. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Family bingo night in the parish hall |
| Saturday | 12.00 noon | Mass, followed by confessions |
| | 6.15 p.m. | Vigil mass for Sunday |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Sixth Sunday of Easter |

Scouts parade and fun day this Sunday

The Scout groups will be parading at this Sunday's mass for St. George's Day. It will also be the Scouts fun day in the parish hall, which will include the raffle draw.

Retiring collection next weekend, 26th-27th April

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection 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.

St. Joseph's P.T.F.A. family bingo night

Friday, 25th April, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Admission £2.50 for adults, £1.50 for children
Entry includes 1 bingo ticket, 1 raffle ticket and 1 drink. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Murder mystery evening

We still need more players to take on roles in the short play. No great acting ability is needed. The date of the event will be determined when we get the players.

If you are interested, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please leave your name and contact number with Father Peter or on the list on the notice board.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Leo Conlon (21st April), Catherine Chadwick (21st April), Sarah McNicholas (23rd April), John Flynn (24th April)

Birthday memorial: Marie Flynn (22nd April), James Wilkinson

Sick: Claire Fitzpatrick, 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, Ella Poultney, Brian Poultney, holy souls, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Hilda, Clive and Brenda

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.

Youth mass to celebrate the vigil of Pentecost

Saturday, 10th May, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Crescent Road, Crumpsall

Mass will be followed by a party in the parish hall. All welcome. Further details 0161 740 2448.



Pentecost (Whit) Sunday – 11th May 2008

You are asked to come along to St. Joseph's to celebrate this great feast of the Church by joining in Choral Evensong at 6.30pm.

We are delighted to be led by the joint choirs of St. Cuthbert's and St. Peter's, Darwen. Choral Evensong, is essentially the traditional evening prayer of the Monasteries dating back well before the "Reformation". The psalms and antiphons are basically what plainsong (plainchant) was written for.

Please don't let the home side down, let's have a full church.

Parish "summer meal" at Craiglunds

Sunday, 29th June, at 7.30 p.m.

The cost is £14.95 per person and menus are at the back of church. If you would like to come along, please add your name to the list, or contact Alec or Margaret on 772365 for further details.

"Active Kids" vouchers

If you have any vouchers, please leave them at the back of church.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £579.43

Thank you

200 Club winners

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| 1 st prize | £40 | 9 | Sandra McEwan |
| 2 nd prize | £10 | 111 | R. Taylor |
| 3 rd prize | £5 | 159 | S. Davies |

Ministries

| | This week | | Next week | |
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| | Saturday | Sunday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Reader | B. Hughes | D. Beaton | J. Heywood | D. Ross |
| Eucharistic Ministers | K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. McIver R. Knowles | D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett | A. Barker S. Jackson A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine | M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon |
