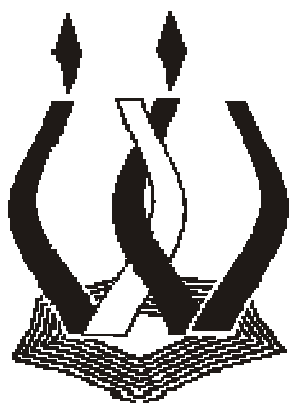


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Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Second Sunday of Advent
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer in the Divine Office
	7.00 p.m.	Mass – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. “Seer” of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Damasus I, pope. Born in Spain and became pope in 366.
	7.00 p.m.	Catholic Enquiry session
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Our Lady of Guadalupe. Appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Lucy, virgin and martyr. Sicilian martyr popular in early church. (mass is followed by confessions)
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Advent

The church is open for private prayer each weekday morning from 9 a.m. until midday. Volunteers to help maintain this service are always welcome.

Christmas

We shall celebrate the three traditional Christmas masses: Midnight (starting at 11 p.m. and bringing us through midnight), Mass at Dawn (at 8.30 a.m.) and Mass of the Day (at 11 a.m.).

The church will be open all day Christmas Eve for people to help with Christmas decorations.

Penitential Service

Sacred Heart and St. Edward's on Monday, 15th December at 7.00 p.m.

This will be a Penitential Service with the opportunity for confession and absolution, and the main confession opportunity for the two Darwen parishes before Christmas.

Carols and Music for Christmas, with BwD Junior Band

Thursday, 18th December at 7.00 p.m. (Tickets are £3.50 for adults and £2 for children)

Tickets are on sale now. Admission includes mince pies and mulled wine (or soft drink).

Christmas Raffle

There are still some unclaimed prizes. A list of winning numbers is in the church porch and on the parish website. www.stjosephsdarwen.org.uk

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead: Jimmy Carrington, Agnes Connolly – 2 masses

Anniversaries: Brian Christopher Walsh, Gary Francis (10th December), Thomas Joseph Armitage (9th December) – 2 masses, George McCann (9th December), May Aldred (20th December), Eddie Smith (25th December), James Lamb (7th December), Annie Lamb (4th December), Joseph Jackson (7th December), John Anderson (1st December), Jean Fishwick (1st December)

Birthdays anniversaries: Christopher Burke, David Hine (6th December)

Other intentions: the Yates family – 5 masses, Brenda, Hilda, Clive and Joseph – 2 masses, Graham and Bill – 2 masses, holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, for good results, Terry Harwood, St. Martin, thanksgiving, friends, neighbours and relatives, thanksgiving to God for blessings received

Save your stamps – Save the albatross

Please save stamps from your mail to help save the beautiful albatross from the snares of “long line” fishing vessels. RSPB can raise money from all kinds of used stamps and each £50 raised can buy a tori-line (a bird scaring device). Please leave a small border when cutting out stamps and place in the box at the back of church or send them to RSPB Stamps, PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 9XT.

Unwanted first day covers and stamp albums can raise even more money for this worthy cause.

For more information, visit www.rspb.org.uk.

Knights of St. Columba

Christmas posters and car stickers are available at the back of church.

200 Club There are still a few 2009 envelopes awaiting collection at the back of church.

The Christmas draw will take place on Thursday, 18th December, following the concert. The prizes will be £500, £300 and 2 x £100. There will be no other prizes that week. Remember that you need to be in it to win it, and numbers that are several weeks in arrears will not be eligible.

Please contact Alec or Margaret on 772365 with any queries. Thank you and good luck.

The 200 Club is an annual membership club. Members agree to pay £1 each week for that calendar year and are entered into the draw each week. The weekly subscription may be paid in advance. Arrears must be cleared to bring membership up to date.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £567.64

Many thanks

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	129	Joan Toner
2 nd prize	£10	151	N. D. Hunt
3 rd prize	£5	48	D. Wardle

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Parade	D. McElroy P. Cooney	D. Lingard A. Barker	D. Jarrett A. Thompson
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	M. Saynor T. Mclver R. Knowles A. Barker A. Gibbs	B. Melia P. Cooney M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey	P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. Mclver	D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett