

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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Third Sunday of Advent

14th December 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer in the Divine Office
	7.00 p.m.	<i>Penitential Service at Sacred Heart and St. Edward</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	1.30 p.m.	Carol Service for years 5 and 6 at St. Joseph's church. All welcome.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.15 a.m.	<i>End of term mass in school. All welcome.</i>
	7.00 p.m.	Carols and Music for Christmas in the Parish Hall. (see below)
Friday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Saturday	9.30 a.m.	Requiem mass for Raymond McCarrick (to be confirmed)
		<i>Note: there will be no 10 a.m. mass or confessions this Saturday</i>
	12.00 noon	Marriage Service for Heather Cunliffe and James Aspin
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth 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.

Refreshments will be served in the parish meeting room after both masses on Christmas morning. Please go through the sacristies. Please stay for a few minutes.

Penitential Service

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

This will be a Penitential Service with the opportunity for confession and absolution. There will be several priests available for individual confession.

Knights of St. Columba

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

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead Raymond McCarrick

Sick: Thomas Toner

Anniversaries: Leonora Toner, George McCann (9th December), Robert Holden (16th December)

Christmas memorial: the Mclver family, Violet Elizabeth and Thomas Mclver, Enid Pollard White, Sandra Dunn

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, Terry Harwood, St. Martin, thanksgiving, Our Lady of good remedy, Robin Banerjee, John Lee, Susan Jackson, deceased members of the Jackson family, Auntie Margaret, friends and neighbours of the Yates family – 2 masses

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas

Please will readers and Eucharistic ministers indicate as soon as possible at which Christmas masses they will be able to serve. Lists are on the ministries notice board in the sacristy. Thank you.

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.

Carols and Music for Christmas, with BwD Junior Band

This 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).

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £602.27

Many thanks

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	3	Jim Taylor
2 nd prize	£10	82	Terry O'Neil
3 rd prize	£5	193	Stella Nelems

Ministries

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