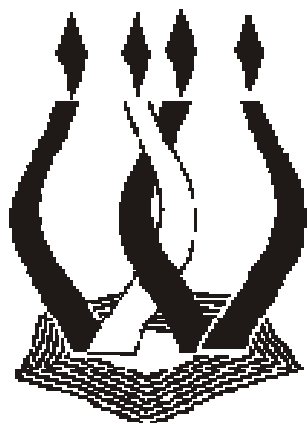


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

21<sup>st</sup> December 2008

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday		<i>Note: no morning prayers or evening mass on Monday</i>
	10.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Virgilio Posteraro
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass

*Church is open all day. All welcome to contribute to decorating the church.*

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

	11.00 p.m.	"Midnight" Mass with extended readings and carols
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Mass at Dawn
	11.00 a.m.	Mass of the Day
Friday	12.00 noon	Mass – St. Stephen. The first martyr to shed his blood for Christ.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – St. John, apostle and evangelist.
		<i>Note: there will be no confessions on Saturday</i>
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## 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 stay for a few minutes.

## 200 Club Christmas Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£500	23	Rachel Gildea
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£300	128	Kathleen Rothwell
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£100	118	D. Mears
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	£100	156	Karen Chadwick

Father Peter and the  
Congregation of Saint Joseph's,  
Darwen, wish all our  
parishioners, neighbours and  
friends a very blessed and holy  
Feast this Christmastide.

## Mass intentions received

**Lately dead:** Raymond McCarrick, Virgilio Posteraro

**Sick:** Richard Maynard

**Anniversaries:** Edward Godwin (22<sup>nd</sup> December), Jack Thompson (29<sup>th</sup> December), Elizabeth Bolan (24<sup>th</sup> December), Carmela Pacino

**Christmas memorial:** Charles Butcher, David Spink, Fr. Tancred, Jean Bolan, Stephen Bolan, Winifred Byrne – 2 masses, the Waddington family – 2 masses, Brian Entwistle – 2 masses, the Entwistle family, Annie and William Hackett, Bessie and Jack Holden, Elsie Cowell, Raymond Geraghty, Rita Flynn, George McCann, Gail Heys, Raymond Johnson, Robert Leatham

**Other intentions:** Ella Poultney, William Poultney, Brian Poultney, Dorothy Clarke, Walter Clarke, Terry Harwood, deceased friends, deceased relatives, Herbert Flynn, Denis Yates, Thomas Yates, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Patrick Joseph Gaffney, the Yates family – 5 masses, friends and neighbours, thanksgiving for blessings received, Brenda, Hilda, Clive and Joseph – 2 masses, Bill, Graham and Auntie Margaret – 2 masses, Christine Bell – 2 masses, Jim Wild – 2 masses, children and grandchildren – 4 masses, Fr. Peter thanksgiving

## 200 Club

Many thanks to all who have supported the draw throughout 2008. The 200 Club continues to be an important source of income for the parish.

Congratulations to all our winners throughout the year. We have paid out over £4,500 in prizes but remember you have to be in it to win it.

There are still some numbers available for 2009. If you would like one, please see Alec or Margaret Gordon. Membership is £1 each week, which can be paid in advance if this is more convenient. There might be times when you fall a couple of weeks behind, which is not a problem. However, if your number falls into significant arrears, we don't know if you have dropped out and this means that the parish loses £1 per week, which we could retain by letting someone else have your number. There are currently 7 numbers in significant arrears, which is seriously affecting the profitability of the draw. *If you do not want to continue your membership, please tell Alec or Margaret.*

**IMPORTANT:** For the first couple of weeks in January, please write your name and telephone number on your envelopes to enable us to update our records. This means that we can contact you in the event of an unclaimed prize. *Thank you*

## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £564.89

## Ministries

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

New readers' rotas are available in the sacristy