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The Epiphany of the Lord

6th January 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest. Confessor to Pope Gregory IX.
Tuesday		No 9.00 a.m. mass on Tuesday
	12.00 noon	Requiem mass for William Edward Lines
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday		No 9.00 a.m. mass on Thursday
	12.15 p.m.	Requiem mass for Harry Haslam
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass, followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Baptism of the Lord – the end of Christmastide.

Christian Unity visits

Churches Together for Darwen are marking the Sunday in the week of prayer for Christian Unity by inviting clergy from different Christian denominations to preach in each other's services.

That weekend we shall be pleased to welcome the Rev'd Keith Burrow (Methodist) to preach at the vigil mass on the 19th January and the Rev'd Gill Dyer (Church of England) to preach at the Sunday mass on the 20th.

Please remember our fellow Christians in your prayers, especially during that week.

200 Club

There are still some envelopes awaiting collection at the back of church. However, **the following envelopes have been taken in error: 30, 42, 43 and 76.** If you have one of these, please return it and we can issue you with a new number, as there will be a few spare numbers in January.

If you have any queries, please contact Alec Gordon on 772365.

Please remember to write your name and contact details on your envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January, so that we can update our records.

Thank you and best wishes for the New Year.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Francis Joseph McMillan, James McCabe

Birthday remembrance: Karl Andrew Graham (12th January)

Christmas remembrance: Deceased relatives, deceased friends

Other intentions: For continued good results, the Yates family into the care, protection and help of Jesus and His Holy Mother Mary, the sick, for deceased members of the Yates family, special intention – 3 masses, St. Jude for peaceful resolution of family problems, Our Lady of good remedy, Gail Heys – 2 masses, David Mealor, Jane Donnelly, Mary Wickers

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill – House of Lords

This bill will begin its Report Stage in the House of Lords on Tuesday, 15th January. It is vital to write **immediately** to Peers (at the House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW) urging them to support the following amendments.

1. The establishment of umbilical cord blood banks throughout the country. Worldwide there are 8,000 life-saving umbilical cord blood transplants, of which only 1% are in the UK. This is because 98% of cord blood in this country is being routinely destroyed, whereas in other countries most of it is saved with parental permission.
 2. To ban “saviour siblings” – the creation of brothers/sisters who would genetically match a sibling who has a genetic disease or other abnormality. Until now “donors” have always been voluntary. With saviour siblings there is nothing voluntary. The parents give consent for a child to be created so that his/her organs or tissues may be used to treat a sibling.
 3. Urge Peers to vote against the creation of human or hybrid clones, which has cost millions in research and has provided not one treatment. There are now many alternatives available using adult stem cells (which is ethical). Urge Peers to vote for “the Hunt amendment”, which would require “all licence applicants to demonstrate that no alternatives exist to the use of human or hybrid clones.”
 4. To vote against the deletion of the word “father” from the bill.
 5. Urge Peers to vote for the creation of a properly representative and balanced National Ethics Committee to replace the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Committee, which consists only of members supporting the use of the human embryo as a guinea pig.
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The Pope’s mission intentions for 2008 – January

Join with the Holy Father in praying that the Church in Africa may bring reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

Last week’s collections

Offertory collection £535.83

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	179	Mrs. N. Worden
2 nd prize	£10	71	P. Bolton
3 rd prize	£5	162	S. Chadwick

Ministries

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