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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

29th June 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Saints Peter and Paul, apostles
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office
	2.00 p.m.	Funeral service for William (Bill) Dormer of Blackburn
	7.00 p.m.	Mass – The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr. Born Co. Meath in 1625.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Thomas, apostle
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Elizabeth of Portugal. Royal who gave away all worldly goods.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Memorial mass for Michael Wood (followed by confessions)
	1.00 p.m.	Nuptial mass for Pauline Burke and Anthony Knowles
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life 2008 (next Sunday)

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit” is the theme for this year's Day for Life – dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Day for Life 2008 will focus on mental health. The aim of the Day is to help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends, their family and their carers, and the support that the parish community and professional services can bring. One in four people will be directly affected by mental health difficulties at some stage in their lives.

Readers

A new rota is being made to start in early July. If you are willing to continue reading at mass, or if you would like to start, please add your name and a contact number to the list on the notice board just inside the sacristy. A practice session can be arranged for anyone who would like one.

Sacramental programme 2008/2009

If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or higher next year and you wish them to be part of the sacramental programme at St. Joseph's, please collect a buff enrolment form from the church porch. Information letters will be available soon. Enrolment will be through church, not school, although school will continue to play a vital role in the preparation for the sacraments.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Thomas Moore – 2 masses

Anniversaries: John Shannon (30th June), Marie Flynn, Mr. McGuinness (28th June)

Birthday remembrance: Annie Conlon, Charles Butcher (27th June)

Other intentions: Gail Heys – 2 masses, the Yates family – 5 masses, safe flight – 2 masses, Brenda, Hilda and Clive, special intention, St. Anthony and St. Jude, holy family, Terry Harwood

S.V.P. news

As reported last week, the groups at St. Edward's and St. Joseph's have merged to form a single group serving the whole of Darwen. By doing this we are better able to work together to meet the needs that are brought to us by sharing resources and supporting all our members.

The aim of the S.V.P. is to work towards alleviating poverty in all its forms: loneliness, isolation, ignorance and financial need in the local community, by offering the hand of friendship to the marginalized, elderly, sick, housebound, lonely and deprived.

In addition to this, each parish is twinned to a parish in India. We support these parishes through the exchange of letters, prayers and some financial help. As one group we will continue to support both of these parishes in India.

The S.V.P. can be contacted through the parish priests at both churches. We meet fortnightly on Monday evenings in St. Joseph's parish meeting room. Anyone is welcome to join us or just to come along, meet with us and see what we do.

Walking treasure hunt

We had a good turn out. It didn't rain (much) but thank you for risking being blown away by the wind. The winning team was "Walkdens Wanderers" (Culshaw); second was the Jenkins family and third was the Gibbs family.

... and don't forget...

Charity shop, 14th-20th September. To volunteer for sorting items or serving in the shop, please sign the list at the back of church.

Cake stall – volunteers needed to bake cakes and pies for the next cake stall on 13th July.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £548.99

Thank you

200 Club winners

There are no winners to announce this week as the bumper draw will take place at this Sunday's parish meal. Please make sure that your subscriptions are up to date to be eligible. Good luck.

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Reader	W. Godwin	C. Wright	Parade	P. Cooney
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. Mclver	D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett M. Alvarez J. Briggs	R. Knowles A. Barker A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine	R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle
