



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

16th March 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass will be followed by an information film in the parish hall
	2.00 p.m.	Walk of Witness at Town Hall, carrying cross to Darwen Tower
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office
	7.00 p.m.	Mass
	7.30 p.m.	"Believe" Catholic faith information film
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Service of reconciliation for both Darwen parishes
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group

Maundy Thursday 10.30 a.m. Chrism mass at the Cathedral (tickets available from Fr. Peter)

8.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.

Good Friday 3.00 p.m. **Liturgy of the Passion**

Holy Saturday 8.00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass**

Easter Sunday 6.00 a.m. United Churches Dawn Service at Cross at the tower.

Easter Sunday 9.00 a.m. **Mass of Easter Day**

No 6.15 p.m. Mass on Saturday, 22nd March (Holy Saturday)

Please note that 22nd March is the Vigil of Easter. The Easter Vigil will begin in the car park with the blessing of the Easter Fire at 8 p.m. There will be no other mass here on Holy Saturday.

Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday mass will start with the blessing of palms in the hall at 9 a.m. followed by the procession to church for the Eucharist.

Any news?

If you have any items for the newsletter, please leave them at the presbytery or email to news@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk.

The Pope's mission intentions for 2008 – March

Join with the Holy Father in praying that persecuted Christians may be sustained by the Holy Spirit and courageously bear witness to the Word of God.

Mass intentions received Anniversaries: Mary Agnes Littler

Birthday memorials: Winifred Byrne (x2) **Other intentions:** Terry Harwood, Yates family, Aldcroft family, Lawson family, Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl Panico, Christopher Anderson, Durkin and Hacket families, Gail Heys (x2), Brian Poultney, Holy Family, St. Anthony & St. Jude, Our Lady of Good Remedy.

Walking Treasure Hunt. Sunday 30th March: Teams have staggered starts between 1pm and 2pm. They then walk round the local area collecting clues and solving riddles. The team with the most right answers in the fastest time wins. £3 per team.

Please collect “Active Kids” vouchers and put them in the container at the back of the church for St. Joseph’s School. Thank you.

Next parish meeting

Tuesday 1st April, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room.

Can I remind you that we do not have a parish committee; we have parish meetings, which are open to all. Everyone is entitled to share their ideas and to have their say, so please come along with ideas about developing any aspect of life here at St. Joseph’s.

Easter Garden.

The church will be open from 10.00am until 3.00pm on Holy Saturday 22 March for anyone who wishes to help with the Easter Garden. Please bring potted plants, green or flowering, to add to the Easter Garden.

Scout fundraising

St. Joseph’s Scout Group is collecting old mobile phones to help raise funds and equipment for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, whilst keeping old phones out of landfill sites.

We will be collecting these at the back of church until Saturday, 19th April. The phones can be of any age or condition and they do not need to have chargers, boxes or any other accessories.

Last week’s collections

Offertory collection £ 543.79

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	164	Rean Knowles
2 nd prize	£10	7	Michael Burns
3 rd prize	£5	88	Mr. W. Eccles

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Extra readers are needed for all Masses and Holy Week services. Please sign up in the Sacristy.				

Eucharistic Ministers

M. Saynor	R. Massey
T. McIver	D. Forbes
R. Knowles	A. Gordon
A. Barker	D. Beaton
S. Jackson	G. Brindle

A. Gibbs	D. Jarrett
P. Ainscough	M. Alvarez
K. Hine	J. Briggs
P. Wardle	R. Massey
M. Saynor	D. Forbes