

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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**First Sunday of Advent**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

## **This week in St. Joseph's Parish**

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| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Sunday mass – First Sunday of Advent  |
| Monday    | 9.15 a.m.  | Morning prayer in the Divine Office   |
|           | 7.00 p.m.  | Mass  |
| Tuesday   | 9.00 a.m.  | Requiem mass for Margaret Fielding, R.I.P.                                  |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass  |
|           | 7.00 p.m.  | Bible study group   |
| Thursday  | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass  |
|           | 6.30 p.m.  | First Confession Service  |
|           | 7.00 p.m.  | Catholic Enquiry – film: Philip of Arundel – saint and martyr. All welcome. |
| Friday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Mass  |
| Saturday  | 10.00 a.m. | Mass, followed by confessions   |
|           | 6.15 p.m.  | Vigil mass for Sunday   |
| Sunday    | 9.00 a.m.  | Sunday mass – Second 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.*

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## **First Confession Service**

On Thursday there will be a First Confession Service for children on the Sacramental Programme, with the opportunity of confession for others at 6.30 p.m.

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## **Penitential Service**

*Sacred Heart and St. Edward's on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.*

This will be a Penitential Service with the opportunity for confession and absolution, and the main confession opportunity for the two Darwen parishes before Christmas.

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## **Congo petition**

There is a list at the back of church at the request of some parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Edward, who are from the Congo. They will be seeing our MP on Monday to ask her to express concern about the plight of the people of the Congo. They would like names of parishioners to take with them to show our solidarity with them. Please sign. Thank you.

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## **Advent Carol Service in St. Peter's, Darwen this Sunday at 6.30 p.m.**

We have been kindly invited to this service and we would like the parish to be well represented.

## Mass intentions received

**Lately Dead:** Gordon Whittam – 3 masses, Margaret Sullivan – 2 masses

**Anniversaries:** Casper John Anderson (1<sup>st</sup> December), Joseph Jackson (7<sup>th</sup> December), May Aldred (22<sup>nd</sup> December), Fr. Vincent Cunningham (7<sup>th</sup> December), James Lamb (7<sup>th</sup> December), Annie Lamb (4<sup>th</sup> December), Eddie Smith (25<sup>th</sup> December), Harriet D. Nixon (22<sup>nd</sup> November), Mary Agnes Durkin (8<sup>th</sup> December)

**Birthday anniversaries:** Peter Casey (30<sup>th</sup> November), Gail Heys (23<sup>rd</sup> November), Beatrice Ellen Holden, Mary Agnes Durkin (28<sup>th</sup> November)

**Other intentions:** the Yates family – 5 masses, Brenda, Hilda, Clive and Joseph – 2 masses, Auntie Margaret, Graham and Bill – 2 masses, Margaret Lupton, holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, for good results, Terry Harwood, Karen and baby son

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## Christmas decoration of the church

There has been very little said so far about decorating the church for Christmas. The church will be open all day Christmas Eve for people to make or bring their contributions. My experience is that when people feel free to come and get stuck in there is a real sense of celebration. *Fr. Peter*

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## Christmas Fair and Raffle

The total is in the region of £2,440, an increase of about £100 on last year. Very well done.

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## Knights of St. Columba

Christmas posters and car stickers will be available from next weekend.

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## ... and don't forget...

*St. Joseph's School Christmas Fair and Bingo* – This Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.40 p.m.

*Carols and Christmas Music with BwD Junior Band* – 18<sup>th</sup> December. **Tickets on sale now.**

*200 Club envelopes for 2009* – There are still uncollected envelopes at the back of church.

*Christmas Post* – Last collections will be **this Friday** at 3 p.m. and the cost is 15p per card

*St. Mary's College Christmas Concert* – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. in O'Neill Theatre

*St. Mary's and Stonyhurst College Choirs* – 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. at Stonyhurst College

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## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £543.56

Many thanks

## 200 Club winners

|                       |     |     |                    |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | £40 | 189 | Terry Canary       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | £10 | 95  | K. Jarvis-Dummsday |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | £5  | 70  | B. Bolton          |

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## Ministries

|                              | This week   |   | Next week   |   |
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|                              | <i>Saturday</i>   | <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>Saturday</i>   | <i>Sunday</i>   |
| <i>Readers</i>               | Sacramental Programme   | D. Beaton<br>A. Gibbs   | Parade  | D. McElroy<br>P. Cooney                                       |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | A. Barker<br>A. Gibbs<br>P. Ainscough<br>K. Hine<br>P. Wardle | D. Forbes<br>A. Gordon<br>D. Beaton<br>G. Brindle<br>D. Jarrett | M. Saynor<br>T. McIver<br>R. Knowles<br>A. Barker<br>A. Gibbs | B. Melia<br>P. Cooney<br>M. Alvarez<br>J. Briggs<br>R. Massey |