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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th September 2008

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office
	7.00 p.m.	Mass – The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Peter Claver, priest. Jesuit missionary in Colombia.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Ambrose Barlow, priest and martyr. Executed at Lancaster.
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.15 a.m.	Mass at school for start of term. All welcome. No church service.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor (mass is followed by confessions)
	1.00 p.m.	Wedding service for Leanne Morgan and Damian Green
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missionary appeals

A Holy Ghost Father (Spiritan Father) will be making a missionary appeal on the weekend of 20th-21st September. This should be Home Mission Sunday. We will observe Home Mission Sunday on the following weekend. This means that there will be retiring collections on consecutive weeks: for Foreign Missions and Home Mission – Evangelisation.

Sacramental programme

The sacramental programme will be starting soon. Baptised children who are in year 3, school age, may be registered for the 2008/9 programme. Registration is through the parish, not the school. Registration forms are in the porch. As the teaching arm of the parish, the school will play a most important part in the preparation of the children. The primary responsibility for preparing children for receiving sacraments, however, is with the parents and the parish.

If you can help, as part of the parish, we are looking for "catechists" who will assist the children to work through their work books on a few Saturdays for an hour immediately before the vigil mass. If you are interested and want to know more, please speak to Fr. Peter in the next few days.

Darwen Brass

The concert was brilliant. It was a lively evening and we shared the takings of £536.11.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Kathleen Hargreaves (13th September), Bob Eastham (6th September)

Birthday anniversary: Isabella Flynn (7th September)

Other intentions: Terry Harwood, thanksgiving for birthday (8th September) and silver wedding (25th September), the Yates family – 5 masses, Brenda, Hilda and Clive – 2 masses, Auntie Margaret, Graham and Bill – 2 masses, friends and neighbours of the Yates family, Gail Heys – 2 masses, thanksgiving for a successful operation, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Martin, Dorothy Clarke, Brian Poultney, the holy family, Our Lady of good remedy

Charity shop – help required after mass next Sunday

Starting at 10 a.m. (after mass and bacon butties), car owners are needed to help ferry goods from the church hall to the charity shop, which is at 37 Penny Street, Blackburn. There is limited parking on the NCP opposite the shop. We also need helpers in the shop on that day – please ring Eileen on 776234.

Please remember that we can't accept any electrical goods unless they have been P.A.T. tested.

Christmas fair and raffle

Saturday, 22nd November, starting at 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to organise some of the stalls and games. Please complete the 'plan' at the back of church. Prizes are also needed for the raffle so that the tickets can be printed. There will be money prizes as well as goods and vouchers, and we hope to have a £100 or £200 prize.

Jimmy Egan and David Taylor – Great North Run on 5th October

We need your help. This will be our 10th consecutive run and, for me, the hardest, as I have missed a lot of training through injury. However, with a bit of sponsorship and a lot of prayers, I'm sure we will finish. It's the hope and help we try to give to cancer sufferers that spurs us on, so thank you for your continued and generous help. *Jimmy and David*

... and don't forget... *Repair fund for Father Vandenwaghe's grave* – please drop loose money into the 200 club box (So far: St. Joseph's - £164.51, Sacred Heart - £223.20)

Gift Aid – forms and further information at the back of church, on the website or from Terry O'Neil

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £616.79

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	170	Jack Hine
2 nd prize	£10	136	Kathleen M. Gordon
3 rd prize	£5	67	Jessie Shuttleworth

Ministries

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