

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	<b>Sunday mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	11.00 a.m.	Funeral service for Eileen Smith, RIP
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Full school mass in church
Thursday	7.30 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by watching at the altar of repose until 11 p.m.
Friday	3.00 p.m.	<b>Good Friday – Liturgy of the Passion</b>
Saturday	morning	The church will be open to decorate the Easter garden
	8.00 p.m.	<b>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil mass</b>
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday mass</b>

*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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## Palm Sunday

This weekend's masses will begin with the Blessing of Palms in the parish hall and a procession into church.

The annual procession with the cross from the town centre to Darwen Tower will begin in the market square at 2.30 p.m. on Palm Sunday.

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## Holy Week Triduum Services

Please note the times of the services: in particular, there will be **no 6.15 p.m. mass next Saturday.**

Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m. will be followed by watching at the altar of repose until 11 p.m. Please feel free to drop in and out of church during this time. We remember Jesus' words, "Could you not stay one hour with me, watching and praying?"

As usual, the church will be open on Holy Saturday morning for people to bring plants, etc. to decorate the Easter garden.

## Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Eileen Smith, Mrs. Lancaster

Birthday anniversary: Harry Foster (5<sup>th</sup> April)

Other intentions: Ella Poultney, Walter Clarke, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Martin, holy souls, Milan Jergovic, Our Lady of good remedy, Eddie Pilkington, Terry Harwood

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## Bishop's Mass of the Sacred Chrism

*Maundy Thursday morning at the Cathedral*

There are three tickets available for this mass. If you are interested, please see Fr. Peter.

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## Parish "Summer Meal"

*Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m. – M.J.'s Restaurant, Whitehall Hotel*

If you would like to come along, please add your name and contact details to the list at the back of church. The cost is £14.95 per person and menus are also at the back of church. Please contact Alec or Margaret on 772365 for more information.

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## Vincentian Volunteers

This is a positive opportunity for young people to have a challenging experience in serving vulnerable people and living in a community with other like-minded volunteers. Accommodation and living expenses are provided.

The volunteer year runs from September 2009 until July 2010. If you would like to find out more, please contact Sr. Barbara Quilty DC on 0161 226 9561, email [barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.vincentianvolunteers.org](http://www.vincentianvolunteers.org).

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

*"Active Kids" vouchers* – please leave any vouchers in the basket at the back of church

*Spring cleaning?* – please remember to save any suitable items for September's charity shop

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## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £573.70

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	73	C. A. Robinson
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	90	Peter Quigley
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	198	Nora Jackson

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## Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Separate list for Palm Sunday		Separate list for Easter Sunday	
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. McIver	F. Boudjeko A. J. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett	Separate list for Easter Sunday	

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You will notice a new painting in church. It is inspired by Pilate washing his hands of Jesus and Jesus' words, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do unto me." It is also inspired by the words of The Reproaches (from the Good Friday liturgy and from Lamentations 1:12): "All you who pass by, look and see, is any sorrow like my sorrow." and "My people, what have I done to you, how have I offended you? Answer me."