



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Third Sunday of Easter

26th April 2009

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

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| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Easter |
| Monday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass |
| Tuesday | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic service |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic service |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Bible study group |
| Thursday | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic service |
| Friday | 9.00 a.m. | Eucharistic service |
| Saturday | 10.00 a.m. | Note: no morning mass or confessions |
| | 6.15 p.m. | Vigil mass for Sunday |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter |

*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.*

Welcome St George's Day celebrations.

This Sunday we are once again pleased to welcome members of Bold Venture Park Scout Group and also Darwen District Explorer Scouts, along with members of St. Paul's, Hoddlesden.

Knights of St. Columba tombola

The K.S.C. will be holding a tombola stall outside Darwen market on Saturday, 9th May. Any donations of prizes would be very gratefully received.

Catholic Children's Rescue Society Annual Garden Party

Saturday, 20th June, at 1 p.m. – 390 Parris Wood Road, Didsbury, Manchester

If you would like to support this event you will be very welcome or you can support it by buying some raffle tickets which are at the back of church. The first prize is £1,000.

Parish "Summer Meal"

Sunday, 28th 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.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Thomas Mclver – 2 masses, Sarah McNicholas (23rd April)

Sick: Rita Clarke

Other intentions: special intention – 4 masses, Terry Harwood, the holy family, St. Martin, St. Anthony and St. Jude, thanksgiving for prayers answered, Vera Pickering, Our Lady of good remedy

... 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

Last week's collections

Easter offertory collections £616.29

Thank you

200 Club winners

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| 1 st prize | £40 | 78 | Theresa Round |
| 2 nd prize | £10 | 54 | Jim White |
| 3 rd prize | £5 | 71 | Cath Lingard |

Ministries

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

A new readers' list for May-June is now available in the sacristy

Vocations Sunday 3rd May 2009

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a day when we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. There will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which provides for the formation of seminarians during their time of formation. After next Sunday the fund will remain open for a further 4 weeks for any individual donations. With grateful thanks, *Fr. David Featherstone*, Vocations Director.

The Bells! Every Day, at noon and 6 o'clock, St. Joseph's rings out a call to prayer. For most of the year this is an invitation to pray "The Angelus" – the prayer which recalls the Incarnation of Christ as announced by the Angel Gabriel. During Eastertide, the Angelus is replaced by the "Regina Caeli", a prayer honouring Our Lady and celebrating the Resurrection and Salvation in Christ. The prayer is printed below.

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia;
For he whom you did merit to bear, alleluia;
Has risen as he said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Let us pray. God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.