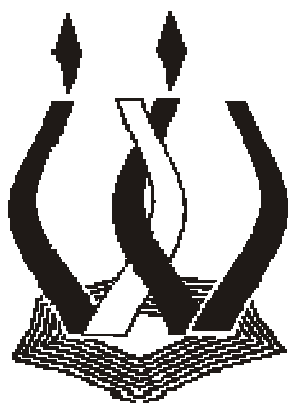


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Second Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)

6th December 2009

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Second Sunday of Advent
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <i>Note: no mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
	3.00 p.m.	<i>Key Stage 1 liturgy in school. Parents are invited.</i>
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Damasus I, pope. Born in Spain and became pope in 366.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third 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.*

2010 offertory envelopes

Next year's envelopes are now ready for collection at the back of church. If you have previously completed a Gift Aid declaration you must use the box labelled with your name and address. If your circumstances or personal details have changed, please let Terry O'Neil know.

Gift Aid enables the parish to claim back tax that you have already paid on your donation **at no extra cost to you**. The form is very simple and it only needs to be completed once. The only requirement is that you are a UK tax payer. Further information and forms can be obtained at the back of church or from Terry.

Boxes 101 to 150 are not labelled and can be used by anyone not contributing through Gift Aid.

200 Club

Envelopes for 2010 are now available for collection after mass on Saturday and Sunday.

The Christmas draw will take place on Thursday, 17th December, following the carol concert. There will be prizes of £500, £300, £100 and £100, but no other prizes that week. Remember that you have to be in it to win it. Numbers that are several weeks in arrears will not be eligible.

If you have any queries, or if your circumstances have changed, please contact Alec or Margaret on 772365. Thank you and good luck.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Debra Woods, Bernard Healy

Anniversaries: George McCann (9th December), Gary Francis (10th December) – 3 masses, Mary Agnes Durkin (8th December), William Frederick Bengé (12th December), Brian Christopher Walsh

Birthday anniversaries: David Hine (6th December), Christopher Burke

Sick: Thomas Toner

Other intentions: Our Lady, special intention to St. Anthony and St. Jude, Violet Elizabeth Mclver, Thomas Mclver, the Mclver family, Sandra Dunn, Enid Pollard White, special intention, the McGuinness family, the Brennan family, the Wall family, the O'Hara family, the holy family, the Durkin family, the Taylor family, Our Lady of good remedy, Terry Harwood

Carols and Christmas music

Starting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th December, in the parish hall

Blackburn with Darwen Junior Band will be providing the music. There will be mulled wine and mince pies (or tea, coffee, squash and biscuits) plus a raffle. We will also have the Christmas draw for the 200 club. Tickets are on sale after weekend mass in the repository, or in the sacristy after weekday masses. Adults £3.50, children £2.

Diocesan mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

This Tuesday, 8th December, at Salford Cathedral

Normally the annual mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham takes place on her feast day in September. However, due to the visit of the relics of St. Therese, this was not possible this year.

It will now take place this Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, beginning with rosary and confessions at 7 p.m. and a concelebrated mass at 7.30 p.m.

Donation to repair bills

Many thanks for the donation of £50 to the cost of our repairs.

Christmas Masses will be 11pm (through midnight) 8.30am and 11am.
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Last week's collections

Offertory collection £619.87

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	45	Margaret Poultney
2 nd prize	£10	111	R. Taylor
3 rd prize	£5	67	Jessie Shuttleworth

*There are unclaimed prizes for 97 (G. Mears),
76 (Mrs. Baron) and 51 (Sheila Egan).*

Ministries

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