

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

13<sup>th</sup> December 2009

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Advent
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office
	11.00 a.m.	Requiem mass for Joan (Jean) Beswick
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.15 a.m.	<i>End of term mass in school for the whole school (All welcome)</i>
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Penance service at Sacred Heart and St. Edward's
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth 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.*

## Christmas masses

24 <sup>th</sup> December at 11 p.m.	Mass during the night with extended readings and carols
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 a.m.	Mass at dawn
25 <sup>th</sup> December at 11 a.m.	Mass of Christmas Day
26 <sup>th</sup> December at noon	St. Stephen (Boxing Day)

There will be the usual weekend masses for the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday at 6.15 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m.).

*Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please sign up for the Christmas masses. There is a list on the ministries notice board in the sacristy. We really need to know that all everything is covered.*

## Come and decorate the church for Christmas

The church will be open on **Christmas Eve** from after the 9 a.m. mass until around 5 p.m. for anyone to come and add a decoration to the body of the church or the porch areas. The sanctuary area will be decorated with candles, flowers, the crib and a plain tree with white lights, but the rest of the church can have reindeer, Fr. Christmases, snowmen, holly, paper chains, pictures, decorated boxes: in fact just about anything that will make it look jolly and exciting.

So please accept the invitation. Come along with something you've made or bought and find somewhere to put it. There will be extra trees for things to be hung on, etc. Thanks. *Fr. Peter*

## Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Dan Maloney, Bernard Healy – 2 masses, Deborah Woods

Anniversaries: Robert Holden (16<sup>th</sup> December), Brian Christopher Walsh, Gary Francis

Birthday anniversary: Christopher Burke

Other intentions: Patrick Joseph Gaffney – 2 masses, Terry Harwood, the holy family, Our Lady of good remedy, special intention to St. Anthony, special intention to St. Jude

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## Penance service

*This Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart and St. Edward's*

This will include the opportunity for individual confession with a choice of priests.

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## Knights of St. Columba mass

*This Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 3 p.m.*

Men from the whole of Province 21 (East Lancashire) will be received as new members (Knights) of the Order. Refreshments will be served in the hall after mass. Everyone is welcome.

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## Carols and Christmas music – get Christmas off to a great start!

*This Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, in the parish hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.*

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. Adults £3.50, children £2.

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## Don't throw away your stamps: they can help charities

Please cut stamps off envelopes and put them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

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## Vacancy at new diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford

We are seeking a director to help us to work throughout the Diocese of Salford in raising awareness of the work of this new charity, which has been formed to encourage and support parochial and diocesan involvement in the practice of corporal works of mercy. Please contact Lorraine Leonard for an application pack at [lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or by post:

Caritas Diocese of Salford, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP (0161 817 2205)

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## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £598.11

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	50	Peter Ainsworth
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	27	Teresa Walsh
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	195	Karen Chadwick

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## Ministries

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