

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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The Epiphany of the Lord

4th January 2009

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer in the Divine Office
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest. Confessor to Pope Gregory IX.
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Catholic Enquiry session
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Baptism of the Lord – the end of Christmastide.

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.

New Year message

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of you who sent me or my parents a card, a gift or well-wishes over the Christmas and New Year season. I would also like to thank everyone who has not only contributed to the wellbeing of the parish, but who has supported and encouraged me personally over 2008. Very many thanks. Let's pray and work for a dynamic 2009, in which we can make Christ and the Love of Christ a reality through the presence of his Church in this part of Darwen.

Fr. Peter

Parish meeting

Tuesday, 13th January, at 7 p.m. in the parish meeting room

Everyone is welcome to come along. On the agenda is the possibility of a "post Christmas" bingo evening and a mass for the housebound.

200 Club

There are still a few envelopes awaiting collection at the back of church. Please remember to write your name and contact details on your envelopes for the first few weeks in January to enable us to update our records.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Alan Edwards (31st December), James Culshaw (31st December), Kate Keogh (6th January)

Birthday memorial: David Spink (1st January), Brian Entwistle (1st January)

Other intentions: holy souls – 4 masses, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Martin, the Yates family – 5 masses, Brenda, Hilda, Clive and Joseph – 2 masses, Auntie Margaret, Bill and Grayham – 2 masses, lady facing a serious operation, Terry Harwood, thanksgiving for blessings received, thanksgiving

Last week's collections

Christmas masses £1,060.72

Last weekend (27-28 December) £521.26

Thank you

200 Club winners

1st prize £40 46 Elliot Turner

2nd prize £10 12 B. Hilton

3rd prize £5 171 P. Wardle

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Readers</i>	D. Lingard J. Jackson	A. Thompson D. Jarrett	D. Ross B. Hughes	D. Beaton A. Gibbs
<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. McIver R. Knowles A. Barker A. Gibbs P. Ainscough	F. Tankan A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett

New rotas for readers and Eucharistic ministers are available in the sacristy

.....and here's one of those e-mails which just arrive.....

A man checked into a hotel in Pretoria. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an e-mail to his wife. However, he accidentally typed the wrong e-mail address, and without realizing his error, he sent the e-mail. Meanwhilesomewhere in Cape Town a widow had just arrived home from her husband's funeral. The widow decided to check her e-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which Read:

To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've arrived
Date: June 3, 2008

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now, and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. It is damn hot down here!!