



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Monday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions
	4.45 p.m.	Sacramental Programme – children's meeting
	5.00 p.m.	Sacramental Programme – parents' meeting
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fifth 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.*

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## Sacramental Programme

Next Saturday there will be Sacramental Programme meetings for parents and children. The children will then take part in their final vigil mass celebration before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost. *Thursday's Parents' meeting is postponed to Saturday 5pm.*

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## Knights of St. Columba tombola

The K.S.C. will be holding a tombola stall outside Darwen market next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to those who have donated prizes – we would be most grateful for some more. Prizes can be left at church any morning this week. The Knights look forward to seeing you on the day.

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## Day retreat to Ilkley

*Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October*

This is a day of prayer and spiritual renewal at a peaceful convent in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. The retreat is open to parishioners of St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart, and we hope that as many as possible will come along. If you are interested, please leave your name and telephone number on the list as soon as possible so that we can arrange a coach. For further details, please see the posters at the back of church or contact Rita Johnson on 01254 774163.

## Mass intentions received

Anniversary: Harry Grime (8<sup>th</sup> May)

Birthday anniversary: Peter Morris (1<sup>st</sup> May)

Other intentions: special intention – 2 masses, Terry Harwood, Bridie O'Reilly, Patrick Joseph Gaffney, Our Lady of good remedy, thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered

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## St. George's Day parade

On behalf of the Darwen District Scout Association, may I take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way with the St. George's Day parade of standards, mass, refreshments, etc. last Sunday.

Groups were represented from St. Joseph's, Bold Venture Park, Hoddlesden St. Paul's and Lower Darwen along with the District Explorer Scouts. This was a very pleasant and uplifting occasion with over 100 Scout members present in church.

A special thanks to Fr. Peter and the parishioners of St. Joseph's for facilitating and welcoming all these young people on this special day.

*Michael Grime*

*Darwen District Commissioner (Acting)*

"Scouting has enabled millions to become free, responsible and generous adults, making good use of their God-given talents and placing them at the service of their brothers and sisters."

**Pope Benedict XVI, World Jamboree 2007 (on the centenary of Scouting)**

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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 leave your deposit before 17<sup>th</sup> May.** Contact Alec or Margaret on 772365 for more information.

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## Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £695.60

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	154	P. Baxter
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	192	P. J. Hilton
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	38	J. and D. Ainsworth

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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	D. McElroy P. Cooney	Sacramental Programme	D. Jarrett A. Thompson
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	T. McIver R. Knowles A. Barker A. Gibbs P. Ainscough	F. Boudjeko A. J. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett	K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. McIver R. Knowles	B. Melia P. Cooney M. Alvarez J. Briggs D. Forbes

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**As it is Vocations Sunday, there is a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund today.** This is for the training of priests for our diocese. Private donations may be handed over the next few weeks.