



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15<sup>th</sup> November 2009

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Mass – St. Margaret of Scotland. 11 <sup>th</sup> C queen famed for charity work.
	11.15 a.m.	Funeral service for Brian McNicholas, R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Hugh of Lincoln, bishop. Helped build Lincoln Cathedral.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	2.40 p.m.	Mass in school for Year 6. Parents welcome.
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 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

*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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## Donations to the repair fund

As detailed in last week's newsletter, we are faced with having to raise approximately £50,000 over the coming months for essential repair work to the church and grounds.

In response, we have received two very generous donations of £500 each. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank the donors for providing this great start to our fundraising campaign.

Any fundraising ideas would be very welcome.

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## St. Bede's Christmas party

*Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.*

Once again, the pupils of St. Bede's are kindly inviting "senior" members of the parish to their Christmas party. Places are limited. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.

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## St. Mary's College concerts

*Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, at 2 p.m. – St. Peter's, Stonyhurst*

Handel's Messiah Part I and Advent carols. Admission £3.50 on the door, includes refreshments.

*Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 p.m. – the O'Neill Theatre, St. Mary's College*

Admission £3.50 on the door, includes refreshments.

## Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Alban Jarrett

Anniversaries: Amy Sullivan (13<sup>th</sup> November) – 2 masses, Catherine Culshaw, Violet Elizabeth Mclver, Michael Ceraldi (22<sup>nd</sup> November), Maria Teresa Ceraldi (29<sup>th</sup> November), Blanche Elizabeth Grime (13<sup>th</sup> November)

Other intentions: Walter Clarke, Elizabeth Jeffers, Sr. Anne Jeffers S.N.D., the holy family, St. Martin, Brian Poultney, Terry Harwood, Our Lady of Good Remedy, a special intention

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## Irish night (K.S.C.) on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November

Music by “Keep the Faith”, Irish dancers, home made potato pie, bar, raffle, etc. Admission is £4 for adults (£2 for children).

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### Would you like to try something completely different?

St. Peter's, Darwen, is one of only three churches in Blackburn with Darwen where church bell ringing is still practised. We are a small, friendly band of ringers and we are always keen to invite beginners to come along and learn this traditional skill.

Church bell ringing (or “change ringing”) is a real British folk art, which has been practised for over 400 years. The bells are attached to wheels and are sounded by pulling ropes to turn them full circle. Towers have varying numbers of bells (6 at St. Peter's), ranging from high sounding bells weighing around a hundredweight to monsters of several tons. By changing the order in which the bells are rung, different patterns (or “methods”) are sounded. Training is required to handle the bells correctly and then to learn the various ringing methods.

Bell ringing offers excellent social opportunities, physical (but not strenuous) exercise, a mental challenge, visits to other churches and is a lifelong learning experience.

No musical knowledge or other qualifications are necessary. However, you should be aged 12 or over and be reasonably active (you will need to climb steps).

We practise at St. Peter's on Tuesday evenings and ring before the 10.30 a.m. service on Sundays.

If you would like to have a try or find out more, please call Peter on 07816 909042.

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### Last week's collections

Offertory collection                      £702.64

Thank you

### 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	164	Rean Knowles
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	33	Patricia Walsh
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	35	Mrs. W. Taylor

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## Ministries

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