



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <i>Note: no mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Clement I, pope. The third pope after St. Peter.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
	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
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – First 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 fair

The profit on the Christmas fair and raffle to date is £1,792.49. There will be a small amount to be added to this. This represents a lot of hard work and preparation on the part of parishioners and supporters of St. Joseph's and we are very grateful to you all. We are also very grateful for the generosity of people who gave items and for the people who came along and supported us on the day.

The success of the Christmas fair prompts me to observe that there are several areas of life at St. Joseph's where an increasing number of people are getting involved and taking personal initiatives to do things or offer support. This is a very encouraging sign and whilst there are a few people who do a great deal, it is fantastic to see such a wide variety of other people feeling that it is their parish and doing their bit or taking on a particular area of responsibility for the work and ministry which is St. Joseph's. Many thanks to you all.

Fr. Peter

"We are one" walk of witness

Starting at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday, 28th November

This is a walk for all Christians, from Salford Cathedral to Manchester Cathedral. To find out more, visit www.weareonemanchester.org.uk.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: John Bentley

Anniversaries: John Toner (18th November), Julia Kay (22nd November) – 2 masses

Birthday anniversaries: Peter Casey (30th November), Julia Ann Dowd (23rd November) – 2 masses, Gary Francis (25th November), Ken Holt, Raymond Johnson (19th November), Gail Heys (23rd November).

Other intentions: the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, special intention to St. Martin, Peter Casey, in remembrance, Terry Harwood, Our Lady of Good Remedy – 2 masses, the Conlon family, the Wickers family, the Durkin family

Darwen Christmas Post

The Scout and Guide Post is up and running again. If you want cards delivering within Darwen, Huddlesden and Lower Darwen, you can buy stamps from us for 15p and post your cards in the post box in church before 4th December. Cards can also be posted at Belgrave Carpets and the usual other shops. If you want to volunteer to make a single delivery along a particular street after the cards have been sorted, please let Fr. Peter know. We'll be very grateful.

Irish night this Friday - get your tickets today!

Friday, 27th November, in the parish hall

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

Carols, mulled wine and mince pies

Thursday, 17th December, in the parish hall

Come along and be entertained by Blackburn with Darwen Junior Brass Band. More details later.

Catechetics course

There is information available about a two year distance learning certificated course from the Maryvale Institute in Catechetics. If anyone feels that they would like to develop their religious knowledge and teaching skills to serve the church or even their own career, then please ask to see the information pack. The occasional seminar will be held at the Cathedral Centre in Salford.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £673.42

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	76	Mrs. Baron
2 nd prize	£10	123	S. Maynard
3 rd prize	£5	60	P. Wardle

Ministries

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