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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2009

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer in the Divine Office <i>Note: no mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.	<i>Mass in school to mark the new school year. All are welcome.</i>
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Ambrose Barlow, priest and martyr
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 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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.*

Retiring collection for the S.V.P. today

This week there will be a retiring collection for the S.V.P. We are very short of funds, so please give generously. Funds are used to help local people in need. For example, when people lose their jobs, they often have to wait before benefits are paid and so need help to buy food or pay bills. Unforeseen expenses, such as funeral expenses (as happened recently), can put people in financial difficulties. The S.V.P. tries to help with small sums of money, as well as directing people to other sources of help and advice.

S.V.P. members also visit parishioners who are housebound or in hospital, and often help people to attend hospital appointments.

In common with other S.V.P. Conferences, we are twinned with a poor parish, which is in the Kerala district of India.

Charity Shop (13th – 19th September) at 37 Penny Street, Blackburn

More volunteers are urgently needed to help in the shop. If we do not have at least two people in the shop at all times we will be unable to remain open.

We also need more goods for sale. However, please note that we cannot accept electrical goods unless they have been PAT tested. All other items are most welcome, including small items of furniture. For more information, please contact Eileen on 776234.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Albert Bolan

Anniversary: Bob Eastham (6th September)

Birthday anniversary: Mary Sharples (8th September)

Other intentions: holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Terry Harwood, St. Martin, special intention

Visit to Ladyewell House, Fernyhalgh

This Tuesday, 8th September (birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

The coach will leave St. Joseph's at 10.50 a.m. and Sacred Heart and St. Edward at 11 a.m. On the notice board there are more details and a sheet to add your name if you need transport.

St. Ambrose Barlow (1585 – 10th September 1641)

Ambrose was born at Barlow Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, the fourth son of the nobleman Sir Alexander Barlow. He converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism in 1607 and was ordained a Benedictine priest in 1617 at Douai, France.

After his ordination, Ambrose returned to Manchester to work for the many poor Catholics of the region. To avoid detection by the Protestant authorities, he devised a four week routine in which he travelled through the parish for three weeks and then remained at Barlow Hall for one week.

Ambrose was arrested several times during his travels. King Charles I signed a proclamation on 7th March 1641, which decreed that all priests should leave the country within one month or face being arrested and treated as traitors, resulting in imprisonment or death. Ambrose refused to go into hiding, despite suffering a stroke, which left him partially paralysed.

On Easter Day 1641, Ambrose and his congregation of around 100 were surrounded at Morleys Hall by the Vicar of Eccles and his armed congregation of 400. Ambrose surrendered and his parishioners were released. When he appeared before the judge at Lancaster Castle, he professed his adherence to the Catholic faith and defended his actions. He was sentenced to death. On 10th September he was hanged, dismembered, quartered and boiled in oil. His head was then exposed on a pike. It was later taken to Wardley Hall where it remains in a glass enclosure in a staircase. Wardley Hall is now the home of our bishop, the Bishop of Salford.

On 25th October 1970 Ambrose was canonised as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £633.68

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	49	Erica Collins
2 nd prize	£10	98	E. M. Canary
3 rd prize	£5	179	Nora Worden

Ministries

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

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