

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN



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The Baptism of the Lord

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This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Baptism of the Lord
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. Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Hilary, bishop
	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
	5.00 p.m.	Sacramental Programme instruction for the children in the hall
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Second 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 today - White Flower Appeal

Help to keep abortion adverts off our television screens. Such advertising would desensitise people to abortion by making it seem normal, and so endanger even more unborn babies (currently around 600 abortions are performed each day in Britain). It would also exploit women and girls facing crisis pregnancies by making abortion appear to be the easy solution. Please take a postcard from the back of church, tear off the prayer and use it; complete the card and either post it or put it in the box at the back of church. It costs money to provide alternatives to abortion, so please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Sacramental Programme

Next Saturday at 5 p.m. there will be an instruction session for children who are enrolled on this year's programme, followed by the vigil mass.

Christmas decorations

If anyone can stay behind after mass on Sunday to help take down the remaining Christmas decorations, their help would be greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Primary School

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back. We also congratulate them and the staff for scoring highly in the overall placing in Blackburn with Darwen and overall first place in the league tables for all Darwen's primary schools. League tables aren't everything, but well done to you all!

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Michael Burns

Anniversaries: Winifred Durkin, George Hackett, Frank Graham

Birthday anniversaries: Karl Andrew Graham (12th January), Michael Burns – 4 masses

Sick: Thomas Toner

Other intentions: the Holy Family, Jamie Walker

Collections

Please note that last weekend's collection was £359.55, which must be our lowest for many years.

200 Club 2010

If you haven't done so already this year, please write your name and contact details on your envelopes. This will enable us to ensure our records are up to date. Thank you and good luck.

Your used postage stamps

The charity we are collecting for this year is the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People). Please place your used stamps in the box at the back of church. It would be most helpful if foreign stamps are separated as they are more valuable. Many thanks.

Charity shop week: 14th – 20th March

Please remember to save any surplus Christmas gifts and items you may no longer need or have room for. Volunteers will be needed to staff the shop so please mark this week in your diaries. We can raise over £1,000 for our church with your help.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £359.55

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	28	Monica Entwistle
2 nd prize	£10	149	Michael Saynor
3 rd prize	£5	12	B. Hilton

Ministries

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

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