



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> February 2010

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <i>No mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Mass – Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Mass</i>
Thursday		Day of prayer for vocations: 9 a.m. – 12 noon and 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
		<i>No morning mass of confessions on Saturday</i>
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – First Sunday of Lent

*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.*

## Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. There will be mass with the distribution of ashes at 9 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Catholics are required to abstain from eating meat and are to limit themselves to one meal on that day, with a couple of snacks allowed, especially for people who need to keep their energy levels up.

Fr. Peter will be away for a few days this week as chaplain to a group of secondary school pupils.

## Day of Prayer for Vocations – this Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February

The celebration will be in the oratory chapel, which will be easier to keep warm. The “day” will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and then from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please try to come to offer your own prayers during these times.

9.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by readings and prayers
10.00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross, followed by readings and prayers
11.00 a.m.	Rosary
12.00 noon	Angelus
6.00 p.m.	Angelus, followed by the evening prayer of the church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and formal prayer

There is still space for other contributions. There will also be music and singing during the day.

## Mass intentions received

**Lately dead:** Martha Philomena Byrne, Tony Rogers

**Sick:** Kath Hine – 2 masses

**Anniversaries:** Jim Dawson (11<sup>th</sup> February), Agnes Wilkinson (11<sup>th</sup> February), Mary Durkin, Mary Ellen Taylor, Herbert Yates – 2 masses

**Birthday anniversaries:** Patrick Howard, Mary Howard, Eileen Kearley, Rita Flynn (15<sup>th</sup> February), Sarah Anne Harrison (15<sup>th</sup> February) – 4 masses

**Other intentions:** the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Mary Anne Marsden, Dorothy Clarke, Brian Poultney

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## Cafod – a correction

Thanks to the person who queried the amount I quoted as raised by Cafod. In fact the amount Cafod have sent to Haiti is £2,280,000, which is still a very good figure. *Fr. Peter*

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## The APF Mill Hill Missionaries

The total amount collected from our parish between December 2008 and September 2009 was £2,118.89. The work of the APF is to spread the Gospel throughout the world and, because of the continuing generosity of all of you who contribute, our parish is able to play its part in supporting this missionary work. Thank you and well done!

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## Foster carers needed

The recent tragedies involving children have led to a big increase in the numbers of children in need of care. Catholic Children's Rescue Society is a successful registered fostering agency but needs to recruit more carers to meet the very great need. Existing carers describe the emotional, practical and financial support they receive as excellent, enabling them to care successfully for the children who are placed with them. Don't rule yourself out, contact CCRS on 0161 445 7741 or at [www.ccrsorg.co.uk](http://www.ccrsorg.co.uk). Thank you.

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## ... and don't forget...

*Charity shop week (14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March)* – please keep suitable items until nearer the time

*Used stamps for RNIB* – please trim to leave ¼ inch around stamps (box at the back of church)

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## Last weekend's collection

Offertory collection                      £719.48

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	36	J. and D. Ainsworth
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	34	Stephen McMillan
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	106	Margaret Cowell

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## 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	D. Ross B. Hughes	A. Thompson D. Jarrett
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. Mclver R. Knowles	G. Brindle D. Jarrett B. Melia P. Cooney M. Alvarez	A. Barker A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle	J. Briggs D. Forbes F. Boudjeko A. J. Gordon G. Brindle