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First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2010

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – First Sunday of Lent
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <i>No mass on Monday</i>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	<i>Eucharistic service</i>
	2.45 p.m.	Mass in school for Year 5 pupils. Parents are welcome.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass
	10.30 a.m.	<i>Penance service and Sacramental Programme first confessions</i>
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Second 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.*

Sacramental Programme

Please remember that on Saturday morning there will be a short penance service and first confessions for the children on the Sacramental Programme.

Lent

Next Sunday, 28th February, and the Sundays following, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p.m.

On Palm Sunday we are invited to be part of a walk of witness, carrying a cross up to Darwen Tower in the afternoon. There will be no Stations of the Cross on that day.

Cafod Lent Fast Day

This Friday, 26th February, has been designated as Lent Fast Day 2010. This is a very special day because it is the 50th anniversary of the Lent Fast appeal. Cafod's good work has continued for such a long time because of your loyal support here at St. Joseph's and at other parishes throughout England and Wales. There are donation envelopes at the back of church. If you are a tax payer, please complete the Gift Aid section of the envelope to increase the value of your donation without any additional cost to you. Thank you.

Mass intentions received

Sick: Joseph Shaw

Anniversary: Bill Clarkson (25th February)

Birthday anniversaries: John Flynn (24th February), Peter Taylor (22nd February), Mavis Clarkson (21st February)

Other intentions: Margaret Lupton – 2 masses, the holy family, St. Martin, thanksgiving to St. Martin for prayers answered, Our Lady of good remedy

Speaker next weekend for Aid to the Church in Need

There will also be a retiring collection for their work and possibly some articles to buy.

Sunday morning refreshments

There will be “bacon butties” as usual this Sunday. Next Sunday there will be a coffee morning in the parish hall to raise money for Cafod. Donations of cakes, etc. would be very welcome.

Knights of St. Columba

There will be a council meeting at 8 p.m. this Monday, 22nd February, in the parish meeting room.

Day of prayer for vocations

Many thanks to those who helped to make this a special day: those who came, those who led parts of the day or provided music, and those who could not make it but were with us in spirit.

Charity shop week: 14th – 20th March, Penny Street, Blackburn

Volunteers are needed urgently to assist with sorting goods on Sunday, 14th March, and to work in the shop. **If we do not get more volunteers the shop will not be able to open**, so please add your name to the rotas at the back of church. For more information, call Eileen on 776234.

Francis House Children’s Hospice – vacancies for nurses

Due to an expansion of services, adult/paediatric nurses (RSCN/RNCB/RGN) with a minimum of two years’ experience are sought. For more information, contact Gill Bevin on 0161 434 4118.

Last weekend’s collection

Offertory collection £599.09

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	182	Anna Gibbs
2 nd prize	£10	171	P. Wardle
3 rd prize	£5	75	David Buchan

Ministries

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