

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

21<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent
	4.00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Monday	7.00 a.m.	<i>Mass, then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8 a.m.</i>
	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass in church with Year 4 pupils. Parents welcome.
	2.45 p.m.	Mass in school for Year 3 pupils. Parents welcome.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	1.05 p.m.	Mass in St. Bede's School. All pupils welcome, particularly parishioners of St. Joseph's.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass, followed by confessions as required
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
	2.30 p.m.	<i>Start of walk of witness at The Green, Darwen town centre</i>

*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.*

## Holy Week services

### *Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March*

Both the vigil mass and the Sunday mass will begin in the parish hall with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Gospel of the Entry into Jerusalem, followed by procession into church for the reading of the Passion and mass.

### *Palm Sunday afternoon*

There will be a short scripture reading at The Green, Darwen town centre, at 2.30 p.m. This begins our walk of witness. Those who wish to walk to the tower with the cross will then do so. Those who wish to walk to St. Joseph's for Stations of the Cross may do this as an alternative. Each walk will be an activity shared with the other churches in Darwen.

**Maundy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m. followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.

**Good Friday** – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

**Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. (no 6.15 p.m. mass), beginning in the yard with the blessing of the Easter Fire

**Easter Sunday** – Mass of Easter Day at 9 a.m.

## Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Joseph Shaw (x5), Joseph Cunningham

Birthday anniversaries: Winifred Byrne (x2, 19<sup>th</sup> March)

Other intentions: Peter Casey, *Mothers' Day*. Catherine Kilroy, Linda Eastham, *St. Patrick's Day*: Patrick Joseph Gaffney, Thanksgiving to St. Jude for favours received (x2), Holy Family, St Anthony and St. Jude, St. Martin,

Charity shop profit at time of printing  
£1073.22. Well done and thank you everyone.

## Chrism Mass at Salford Cathedral

Each Maundy Thursday the Bishop with the priests of the diocese consecrate and bless the Holy Oils which will be used for the next year at the Chrism Mass. We have two tickets for any parishioners who would like to attend this Mass at 10.30am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please see Fr. Peter.

## Divine Mercy Sunday devotions

2 p.m. on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, at St. Joseph's, Audley, Blackburn

There will be devotions including Eucharistic adoration, confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, blessing and procession of the Image and holy mass. Please see the poster in the porch.

## Easter garden

The church will be open from 9.30 a.m. on Holy Saturday morning for people to bring plants for the Easter Garden.

## Cafod information

The last Cafod collection raised £300.92 If you wish to give money to Cafod there is now a permanent collection box in the wall in the porch which is labelled Cafod.

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

*"Active Kids" vouchers and any other vouchers or tokens* – please leave in the basket at the back of church

*Irish night* – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April in the parish hall. Music, bar and supper. £5 adults, £2.50 children. all proceeds for the imminent repairs – 5 firms are submitting tenders in the next few days.

*Parish summer meal* – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at MJ's. Menus on display. £15.95 per person.

*Bring and buy for Lourdes fares* – 10<sup>th</sup> April at St. Joseph's, Blackburn. See notice for details.

## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £719.46

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	58	R. Maynard
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	109	Michelle Livesey
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	151	N. D. Hunt

## Ministries

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