



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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The Ascension of the Lord

16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Ascension of the Lord
Monday	9.15 a.m.	Morning prayer from the Divine Office <b>No mass on Monday</b>
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint John the First, pope and martyr. 6 <sup>th</sup> century pope.
Wednesday		<b>No 9 a.m. mass on Wednesday</b>
	10.00 a.m.	Requiem mass for J Frank Billington, R.I.P.
	1.00 p.m.	Funeral service at the crematorium for Irene Dearden, R.I.P.
	2.45 p.m.	Mass in school for year 4
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest. Great Franciscan preacher.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint Christopher of Magallanes, priest and companions
Saturday		no morning services
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Pentecost Sunday
	3.00 p.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation. Note that this is not a mass.

*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.*

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## Caritas Diocese of Salford

This new charity is continuing to meet the needs of many children in the diocese through its fostering service which was well established under the Catholic Children's Rescue Society.

In this, Fostering Fortnight, we ask that those of you who may be able to consider fostering please let us give you more information. If your circumstances prevent you, perhaps you know of other people who are considering fostering and can suggest they apply to us.

Find out more by calling 0161 445 7741 or emailing [info@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:info@caritassalford.org.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Northern Catholic Conference

*11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June at Liverpool Hope University*

There will be lots of enthusiastic, faith-filled speakers, some household names, and no course fee or entry requirements. Donations are welcome. Archbishop Kelly will celebrate the Sunday mass. The conference title is "Seeds of Hope – Growth in the Catholic Church". For more information please see the notice board, call 07543 800 812, email [info@northerncatholic.co.uk](mailto:info@northerncatholic.co.uk) or visit [www.northerncatholic.co.uk](http://www.northerncatholic.co.uk).

## Mass intentions received

**Anniversaries:** Michael Bernard Wood (13<sup>th</sup> May), Kathleen Mulligan (14<sup>th</sup> May), Ercole Leone (17<sup>th</sup> May), Terence McNicholas (13<sup>th</sup> May)

**Other intentions:** the holy family, St. Martin and St. Theresa, special intention – 2 masses, the McNicholas family, special intention – 2 masses, special intention to St. Jude, Dorothy Clarke, Brian Poultney

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## Donation

We would like to thank Darwen Rotary Club for their generous donation of £100 towards our repair work.

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

*Ecclesiastical Education Fund* – donations may be left in the 200 club box or the sacristy  
*"Active Kids" and any other vouchers* – please leave in the basket at the back of church

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## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection                      £574.67

Thank you

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	99	Mr. B. McKay
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	30	Simon Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	192	P. J. Hilton

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## Ministries

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

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**On the next two weekends there will be special retiring collections.**

### **Next weekend, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May,**

A special collection will be taken for the Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to Britain and Scotland from 16 – 19 September this year. The total costs of the Papal Visit are being shared between the Government and the Church.

The Salford Diocese has been asked to contribute £70,300. Everyone is asked to be generous for this special collection.

### **The following weekend, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May**

A special collection will be taken. This is a day dedicated to prayer for the work of communications and of promoting the Gospel through the media. Please be generous.