



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Divine Mercy Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> April 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Divine Mercy
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service / Mass
	7.30 p.m.	Parish meeting
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service / Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service / Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service / Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Eucharistic service (note there will be no confession this week)
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Ministries for next week

### Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. B. Hughes  
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. D. Beaton

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. P. Wardle  
M. Saynor  
T. McIver  
R. Knowles  
A. Barker  
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. D. Forbes  
A. Gordon  
D. Beaton  
G. Brindle  
M. Alvarez

## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £850.63

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	143	B. Culshaw
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	111	R. Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	177	Mr and Mrs McMillan

## Refreshments after mass

The hall will be open for tea, coffee and bacon butties as usual after Sunday mass. Thanks to everyone who helps with this.

## Parish meeting

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 p.m. in the parish meeting room**

The next meeting will be held this week. The most pressing item will be finalising arrangements for the concert on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parish meetings are open to everyone in the parish. Everyone is invited to come along, make suggestions and contribute to the life of the parish in its many forms.**

## Mass intentions received

**Lately Dead:** Peter Casey, Kathy Howarth, John Sowerbutts, Anne McHugh x6, Nancy Coll

**Anniversary:** Harry Foster (2)

**Sick:** Maureen Montague

**Other intentions:** Our Lady of Good Remedy, Patrick Joseph Gaffney (2), holy souls, forgotten souls, special intention (holy family), special intention (St. Martin), Thomas Simpson (serving in Basra), Brian Poultney,

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## Easter garden

Many thanks to those who responded to the invitation to bring along plants for the Easter garden. I'm sure you will agree that it has made a striking statement about new life and hope.

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## Calling all bakers

If you bake, please will you make some cakes for the concert on 27<sup>th</sup> April? Thank you.

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## Something to say?

If you have any items for the newsletter, you can email them directly to the editor. The cut off is usually 6 p.m. on Friday.

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## Is God calling you?

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or consecrated life?

If God is calling you, call the Salford Diocese Vocations Director, Fr. David Featherstone, on 0161 681 1410.

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## Divine Mercy devotions

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, at St. Joseph's RC Church, Audley Range, Blackburn. Starts at 2 p.m.**

This Sunday, Low Sunday, is the feast of the Divine Mercy. There will be Divine Mercy devotions at St. Joseph's, Blackburn, which will include Eucharistic adoration and confessions, followed by a holy mass at 3 p.m. For further details, see the poster at the back of church.

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## "Right to Life" sponsored walk across Morecambe Bay

**Bank Holiday Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 3.45 p.m.**

His Grace, Archbishop Kelly will again lead this walk in aid of Right to Life. Walkers and sponsors are invited to add their names to the list at the back of church. The Queen's official guide will be there to ensure a safe crossing on what has always been a great day out, as well as being a valuable awareness and fundraising event. More information is available from Moira Billinge on 0151 291 7728.

## Gift Aid

As a result of the budget, the effective return of tax to the church by way of Gift Aid will reduce from 28p in the pound to 25p.

This prompts us to ask more people to consider entering into a Gift Aid arrangement. It will not cost you any more but will make a big difference to the parish. It can also be cancelled at any time if your circumstances change.

There is more information under the Gift Aid link on the parish website, or simply ask for details.

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## Schools vouchers

Please collect "Active Kids" vouchers and any other schools vouchers from the supermarkets. If you leave them in the porch, they will be taken to school for the benefit of our parish's children.

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## Adoption agencies petition

If you haven't already signed, remember the Downing Street internet petition at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/adoptionprotest>  
The petition closes on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

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