



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. George, martyr, patron of England. Martyred in Israel in 303.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr. Martyred in 1622.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Mark, evangelist. Cousin of St. Barnabas and gospel author.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass – St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest. Born in 1673.
	12.20 p.m.	Confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Ministries for next week

### Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. J. Heywood  
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. D. Ross

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. S. Jackson  
A. Gibbs  
P. Ainscough  
K. Hine  
P. Wardle  
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. J. Briggs  
R. Massey  
D. Forbes  
A. Gordon  
D. Beaton

## Last weekend's collections

Offeritory collection £694.97

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	200	Mrs. Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	127	Andy Meadowcroft
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	175	Mrs. Fay

## Refreshments after mass

Remember that the hall is open for refreshments after Sunday mass each week. Please come along.

## 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.

## Adoption agencies petition

**This is the final week** to sign the Downing Street internet petition at

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/adoptionprotest>

There are currently 4,500 signatures recorded.

## Mass intentions received

**Lately Dead:** Andrew Lawson (2)

**Anniversary:** Baby Catherine (2) – 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Birthday Anniversary:** Catherine Walsh

**Sick:** Elizabeth Lawrence for a speedy recovery

**Other intentions:** Terry Harwood, Raymond Johnson, private intentions, Our Lady of Good Remedy, special intention (holy family), special intention (St. Jude and St. Martin), Thomas Simpson (safe return), William Fay, King family

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## Uniform Groups raffle

The various uniform groups of St. Joseph's are raising money to help with the cost of works to the church hall kitchen.

They will be holding a raffle, to be drawn in the church hall after the St. George's Day parade. Many of the prizes have been donated by local shops, including a bicycle from Darwen Cycle Shop.

Tickets will be on sale after mass this weekend. Please support this effort.

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## Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 2.00 p.m.**

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to Ladyewell (the Lancashire shrine of Our Lady) will be led by Monsignor Mark Davies, V.G.

There will be a procession from St. Mary's Church, Fernyhalgh Lane, followed by time for quiet prayer, an opportunity for confession and benediction.

Refreshments will be available at 4.00 p.m.

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## Gift Aid

As a result of the budget, the church will now receive less reclaimed tax per pound of donation. If you are not currently signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, please consider doing so to help us compensate for this loss.

For more information please look under the Gift Aid link on the parish website, email [giftaid@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk) or see Terry O'Neil after mass.

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## Is God calling you?

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person?

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

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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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## “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.

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Today, 22 April we celebrate **St. George's Day** with the **Scout and Guide** families and we welcome members of **Bold Venture Park Scout Group** as well as representatives of our own St. Joseph's Scout Group to our celebration of Mass. This year we congratulate the **Scout Association** on its Centenary. It's a tremendous world wide organisation and may God bless it and its members as they continue to promise to do their duty to God, their country and their neighbour.