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Second Sunday of Advent

9th December 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Second Sunday of Advent
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	St. Damasus I, pope. Born in Spain and became pope in 366.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Requiem mass for Isabella Fenton R.I.P.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Lucy, virgin and martyr. Sicilian martyr.
	7.00 p.m.	Family evening of Christmas music and carols
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service – St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor
Saturday		Note: no midday mass or confessions on Saturday this week
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Advent
	7.00 p.m.	Christmas bingo

Retiring collection for the Bangladesh cyclone emergency appeal

We have been asked to pray for those people affected by the devastating Cyclone Sidr. More than 5 million are in urgent need of food, water and shelter. This week's retiring collection will go to the CAFOD appeal. However, you can donate directly at www.cafod.org.uk/bangladeshappeal or by calling 0500 858585. **£10 will pay for an emergency food pack for one family** but please give whatever you can afford.

Christmas bingo

Next Sunday, 16th December, at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at £3.50, which includes refreshments. We would be very grateful for any donations of prizes for this event, which can be left at the back of church or given to Father Peter.

Penitential service

Tuesday, 18th December, at 7.30 p.m.

The two Darwen parishes will celebrate a penitential service with the opportunity for individual confession at Sacred Heart and St. Edward's. Individual confession of sins has traditionally been seen as an important preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Advent booklet – Walk with me

Please take one. If you feel like making a donation at some stage then the suggested donation is £1. However, it is more important that they are used.

Diocesan almanacs

These are full of information and interesting articles about the diocese. They are on sale now in the shop, priced £3.

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead, Mary Wickers,

Anniversaries: Gary Francis (10th Dec.), Brian Christopher Walsh, Mgr. Tancred (16th Dec.)

Birthday memorial: Christopher Burke

Sick: Thomas Toner

Other intentions: Francis Massey, the safe return of Madeleine McCann, thanksgiving for good results, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Theresa, the Yates family into the care and protection of Jesus and His holy mother Mary, Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl Panico, Lauren Lawson, Linda Morse, thanksgiving for blessings received, Aldred Annie Lamb, for dead friends of the Yates family, Holy Souls

200 Club

There are still some 2008 envelopes to be collected at the back of church. However, a few have been taken in error. **Please check that you have the correct envelopes.**

The **Christmas draw** will be held next Sunday at the end of the bingo night. The prizes will be the same as last year: £500, £300, £200 and £100. There will be no other prizes that week. Please remember that you need to be in it to win it. Any numbers that are several weeks in arrears will not be included in the draw. Contact Alec on 772365 with any queries. Good luck.

St. Bede's Christmas event

Tuesday, 18th December, 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Bede's School has extended an invitation to a pantomime and Christmas carols, with seasonal refreshments, to be held at the school.

We have 20 places available, which are offered on a first come, first served basis on the notice at the back of church.

Christmas music evening

Thursday, 13th December, from 7.00 p.m.

Blackburn with Darwen Junior Brass Band will be performing once again at what is one of our most popular annual events.

Tickets are £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children, which includes mulled wine (juice for children) and mince pies. Tickets are on sale at the back of church or from the school.

Christmas mass times The church will be open after the 9am Mass on 24th Dec. for anyone who would like to help decorate the church.

The first mass of Christmas will be at 11 p.m. and taking us into Christmas morning. The traditional **mass of dawn will be at 8.30 a.m.** and the family **mass of the day will be at 11 a.m.**

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£519.44
Retiring collection for S.V.P.	£73.39

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	43	Y. Spink
2 nd prize	£10	28	Monica Entwistle
3 rd prize	£5	99	B. McKay

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Reader	W. Godwin	D. Ross	B. Hughes	C. Wright
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Knowles A. Barker S. Jackson A. Gibbs P. Ainscough	A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett M. Alvarez	K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. McIver R. Knowles	J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton