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Third Sunday of Advent

16th December 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Third Sunday of Advent
	7.00 p.m.	Christmas bingo and 200 club Christmas draw
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.30 p.m.	Penitential service at Sacred Heart and St. Edward
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor. 16 th century Dutch Jesuit.
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass, followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas bingo

This 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

This 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.

St. Joseph's tombola and raffle at Darwen market

Despite the wind, rain, sleet, etc. we made £204.40, which has been given to Cafod and S.V.P. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped. Some raffle prizes are still unclaimed. They are all green tickets with the code AB271859. 17 (crib – can be collected from the repository), 378 (bedding), 205 (chocolates), 239 (wine). Leave a message at St. Joseph's to arrange to collect your prize.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Mary Wickers

Anniversary: Leonora Toner (15th December)

Christmas remembrance: Charles Butcher, Mgr. Tancred – 2 masses, David Spink

Other intentions: the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Theresa in thanksgiving, special intention, William Fay, for good results, Francis Massey, the Yates family into the care and protection of Jesus and His holy mother Mary, holy souls – 2 masses, Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl Panico and Lauren Lawson, Patrick Joseph Gaffney, deceased members of the Gaffney and Martin families, Mollie McHugh, Thomas McHugh, thanksgiving for blessings received.

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 this Sunday at the end of the bingo night. The prizes will be the same as last year: £500, £300, £200 and £100. There are no other prizes this 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.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£464.27
Collection for Bangladesh	£438.35

Great North Run

We would like to thank everyone at St. Joseph's who sponsored us on this year's Great North Run.

It gives us a massive boost every year to know that you always respond so generously.

This year we raised £1,588 for the cancer charities.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks again.

Jimmy Egan and David Taylor

Christmas mass times

The church will be open on Christmas Eve 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 will be at 11 a.m.

Ministries

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