

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass Parishioners invited to help decorate the church during the day
Tuesday	11.00 p.m.	<b>Christmas vigil mass</b>
	8.30 a.m.	<b>Christmas mass of dawn</b>
Wednesday	11.00 a.m.	<b>Christmas family mass</b>
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – <i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i>
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – <i>St. John, apostle and evangelist</i>
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Mass – <i>the Holy Innocents, martyrs</i>
	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 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## 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.

On New Year's Day, mass will be at 12 noon.

## Ministries over Christmas

Would all readers and Eucharistic ministers please indicate at which masses they would like to serve over Christmas. There is a blank rota at the back of church. Thank you.

## 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.



A happy, holy and peaceful Christmas  
to all parishioners and visitors to  
St. Joseph's church

## Mass intentions received

**Lately dead:** Catherine Dugdale, Mary Wickers – 5 masses, John Gavagan

**Anniversaries:** Edward Godwin (22<sup>nd</sup> December), Elizabeth Bolan (24<sup>th</sup> December), Jack Thompson (29<sup>th</sup> December)

**Christmas remembrance:** Raymond Conlon – 2 masses, the Conlon family, the Wickers family, the Waddington family, Winifred Byrne – 2 masses, Brian Entwistle – 2 masses, Violet Elizabeth and Thomas McIver, the McIver family, Enid Pollard White, Sandra Dunn, John and Leonora Toner, James and Agnes Wilkinson

**Other intentions:** Annie and Leo Conlon, St. Jude for favours received, for a happy and peaceful family Christmas, thanksgiving to Our Lady of good remedy, the Hunt family, the Perkins family, the Howard family, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, the Clarke family, the Poultney family, Stephen Bolan, Julia and Joseph Kay, David Hine, the Burke family, the Kay family

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## 200 Club

### Christmas draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£500	2	S. Armitage
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£300	17	G. Lingard
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£200	195	Karen Chadwick
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	£100	175	Mrs. Fay

### This week's draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	130	John Howard
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	97	G. Mears
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	123	S. Maynard

Many thanks to all who have supported this draw throughout 2007. The 200 club continues to be an important source of parish income. Congratulations to all our winners throughout the year. We have paid out **over four and a half thousand pounds** in prizes but, remember, you have to be in it to win it!

**There are still some numbers available for 2008.** If you want one please see Alec Gordon. Membership costs £1 per week, which can be paid in advance if this is more convenient for you. There might be times when you fall a couple of weeks behind and this is not a problem. However, if your number falls into significant arrears, we don't know if you have dropped out and this loses us £1 a week, which we could have gained by letting someone else have your number. There are currently 16 numbers in arrears by more than 3 months and this seriously eats into our profits. **If you do not want to continue your membership, please tell Alec Gordon.**

**Important.** For the first couple of weeks in January, please write a contact telephone number on your envelopes so that we have a way of contacting you if we have an unclaimed prize. Thanks.

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## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection                      £631.13

## Diocesan almanacs

These are on sale now in the shop, priced £3.

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## Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Reader</b>	J. Heywood	P. Cooney	W. Godwin	D. Beaton
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. Barker	G. Brindle	P. Wardle	D. Forbes
	S. Jackson	D. Jarrett	M. Saynor	A. Gordon
	A. Gibbs	M. Alvarez	T. McIver	D. Beaton
	P. Ainscough	J. Briggs	R. Knowles	G. Brindle
	K. Hine	R. Massey	A. Barker	D. Jarrett