

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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First Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – First Sunday of Advent
Monday		Note: no mass at 9.00 a.m.
	10.00 a.m.	Funeral service in church for Shelagh Diaw
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service
	7.00 p.m.	Parish meeting
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Nicholas, bishop. Known for distributing presents to children.
	7.00 p.m.	Faith enquiry group meeting
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor. Became Bishop of Milan in 374.
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 – Second Sunday of Advent

Retiring collection

This week's retiring collection is for the S.V.P. who need our support to help needy people in the locality as we approach Christmas.

Parish meeting

This Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. – meeting room
Everyone is welcome.

Faith enquiry group

This Thursday at 7.00 p.m. – meeting room
If you are interested in looking at aspects of our Catholic faith, come along this Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Advent booklet – Walk with me

It is more important that these be used than that they are paid for, so please take one. If you feel like making a donation at some stage then the suggested donation is £1. However, please take them and use them.

St. Joseph's parish tombola stall and raffle outside Darwen market

Next Saturday, 8th December, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (raffle drawn at 2.30 p.m.)

Tickets are on sale after mass and on the day.

Mass intentions received

Anniversaries: Julia Kay (22nd November), Luigi Fay (29th November) – 2 masses, Casper John Anderson (1st December), Joseph Jackson (7th December), George McCann (9th December), Nicholas Jackson

Birthday memorial: Peter Casey (30th November) – 2 masses

Other intentions: Gail Heys – 2 masses, Fr. Cunningham, the Yates family and friends, Our Lady of good remedy, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, holy souls, for good weather in December

Bangladesh cyclone – emergency appeal by CAFOD

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. Next 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.

Family evening of Christmas music and carols

Thursday, 13th December, from 7.00 p.m. in the parish hall

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 on 01254 706264.

2008 offertory envelopes are ready to be collected

If you have completed Gift Aid forms you must use the same number as this year. If your circumstances have changed, or to find out more about the scheme, please see Terry O'Neil.

Boxes numbered 101 to 150 are available for anyone to use.

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.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £609.62

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	83	Pat Cooney
2 nd prize	£10	145	S. Whitwell
3 rd prize	£5	158	F. M. Drew

Ministries

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