



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

11th February 2007

This week's services

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Requiem Mass for Derek Stones. RIP
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, Patrons of Europe.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servites. Born in Florence. followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 7 th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	B. Hughes
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	P. Cooney

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	P. Wardle
	M. Saynor
	T. McIver
	R. Knowles
	A. Barker
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	M. Alvarez
	J. Briggs
	R. Massey
	D. Forbes
	A. Gordon

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£617.68
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200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	141	A. Astley
2 nd prize	£10	46	Not taken
3 rd prize	£5	98	E. M. Canary

Retiring collection for "Life"

Today we welcome Elizabeth Parsons who will speak at the masses about the work and policies of "Life". There will be a retiring collection for the organisation.

200 Club – spare numbers

There are five numbers in the 200 Club which are currently not taken. Ironically one of them was drawn this week, making it a parish win. If you would like to join the 200 Club, have a word in the repository shop.

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead: Derek Stones x2, Joseph Andrew Culshaw, Irene Hunt, Irene Hewit

Anniversary: Desmond Atkinson – 15th Feb, Ernest Kendal – 6th Feb, Jim Dawson – 11th Feb, Julia Ann O'Dowd (2) – 10th Feb

Other intentions: Agnes Wilkinson, Rita Flynn, Brian Poultney, Gail Heyes (2) – thanksgiving for health, for the people who prayed for Gail and their intentions (2), Brian Rothwell, Our Lady of Good Remedy, Edith Whelan, thanksgiving after safe delivery from an accident, special intention to the Holy Family

St. Bede's OFSTED report

Congratulations to St. Bede's for a very good OFSTED result. Schools are marked in four categories for each aspect of their performance. 1 is Outstanding (rarely achieved); 2 is Good (which really means good!); 3 is Satisfactory (which is also good, because it means that the school is fully achieving what is expected of it) and 4. is Inadequate. St. Bede's did not fall below a 2 except in one area (pupils' attendance) – scoring a 3, which is largely out of the school's hands. Well done!

Diocesan Celebration of "Welcome" with Bishop Brain

2.15 p.m. on Sunday, 18th February, at Holy Cross College, Manchester Road, Bury

This will be an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate all the positive aspects of the Diocesan Welcome programme from the past year. (remember the DVD in church, and our Advent Journey)

The format for the celebration will be very relaxed, with a mixture of music, prayers, reflections and drama. It will not be a mass.

If you would like to go along to represent St. Joseph's Parish, please let Father Peter know this weekend.

Charity shop manager needed

If you could manage a Christian charity shop in Darwen on a full time or part time basis, please contact Brian King, Trading Director, International Aid Trust, Longton Business Park, Station Road, Much Hoole, Preston, PR4 5LE.

Email office@internationalaidtrust.org

See the notice board for further details.

(The closing date is Monday, 19th February.)

Where's your palm from last year?

Please bring it (them) back to church next Saturday night or Sunday and they will be burnt after the Sunday Mass. The ash will then be used the following Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. We pray that God will give us future growth from the ashes of the past.

Walsingham

Saturday, 26th May

Further details of this year's Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (led by the Bishop) are on the notice board.

Is God calling you?

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too are those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to; be it married, single, religious or priesthood.

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