



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

18<sup>th</sup> February 2007

## This week's services

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Mass – Ash Wednesday (day of fasting and abstinence)
	10.00 a.m.	School Mass for juniors (parents invited)
	2.00 p.m.	School Service for infants (parents invited)
	<b>7.00 p.m.</b>	Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Chair of St. Peter, apostle.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass
		followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	<b>6.15 p.m.</b>	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	Sunday mass – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Ministries for next week

### Readers

<i>Saturday, 6.15 p.m.</i>	J. Heywood
<i>Sunday, 9.00 a.m.</i>	D. Beaton

### Eucharistic Ministers

<i>Saturday, 6.15 p.m.</i>	S. Jackson
	A. Gibbs
	P. Ainscough
	K. Hine
	P. Wardle
<i>Sunday, 9.00 a.m.</i>	D. Beaton
	G. Brindle
	M. Alvarez
	J. Briggs
	R. Massey

## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£486.97
Retiring collection for Life	£202.12

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	180	Soran Abdullah Ahmed
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	21	Joyce Whittam
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	139	M. Caton

## Stations of the Cross

There are some new "Stations of the Cross" prayer books in the repository, priced £2.25.

## Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, when Catholics restrict themselves to one simple meal and a couple of snacks if necessary, and abstain from meat. The only other such day is Good Friday. Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in church, and at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in school. Ashes will be distributed at all four services.

## **Mass intentions received**

**Lately Dead:** Irene Bradley Hewitt, Pierino Russo

**Anniversary:** Mary Ellen Taylor, Sarah Daly – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Birthday Anniversary:** Charles Gallagher – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, Ernest Kendal – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, Rita Flynn, Mavis Clarkson – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

**Other intentions:** Tony Melia (operation), special intention to Our Lady, special intention to the Holy Family, Terence Harwood, members of the King family, Our Lady of good remedy.

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## **Something extra for Lent**

### ***Penance***

The Church renews its call to Catholics to do some act of penance or mortification on Fridays during Lent. Some people also observe Wednesdays as a day of penance.

### ***Stations of the Cross and Benediction***

On Sundays during Lent we will celebrate Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 4 p.m.

### ***Daily mass***

It is traditional for Catholics to make an effort to go to an extra mass on a weekday during Lent, where possible. It would be good for the spirituality of the parish to have more people at daily mass.

### ***Bidding prayers***

Following mass on Tuesday mornings, we will have a meeting to write bidding prayers for the following Sunday.

### ***Music practice***

After Sunday masses there will be a short music practice to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

### ***Lenten Journey meetings on Wednesday nights, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.***

At these meetings we will look at the suggested readings for the Easter Vigil. We will examine each in terms of what it was saying at the time it was included in Scripture; why it is chosen by the Church to be part of this most important of celebrations; and what significance does it have for us now. After looking at the options, we will choose our selection for St. Joseph's this Easter.

### ***Readers and Eucharistic Ministers***

There will be a study night for Readers and another for Eucharistic Ministers. There will also be services where those who exercise these ministries will have their commission renewed.

### ***Volunteers wanted***

We will be having meetings to plan the Maundy Thursday Altar of Repose and the Easter Garden. Volunteers with imagination, skill, or just an extra pair of hands are wanted.

**Please recognise that Lent is a time for some extra involvement in YOUR parish. Please decide what YOU will do.**

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## **Social Group meeting**

***Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 p.m.***

There will be a meeting this Tuesday to plan future events. It will be held in the parish meeting room and everyone is welcome.

## **Is God calling you?**

The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray that you may know God's will in your life, especially if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life.

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