



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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1st Sunday of Lent

25th February 2007

This week's services

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass	
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Intercessions meeting after Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass	Lenten Journey 7pm.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. David, bishop, patron of Wales.	Born in Cardigan around 520
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Lenten Fast Day	
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 – 2 nd Sunday of Lent	

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	Parade
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	D. Ross

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	M. Saynor
	T. Mclver
	R. Knowles
	A. Barker
	S. Jackson
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	D. Forbes
	A. Gordon
	D. Beaton
	G. Brindle
	M. Alvarez

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£615.74
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200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	197	G. Burns
2 nd prize	£10	7	M. Burns
3 rd prize	£5	69	M. Hopwood

Stations of the Cross

Sundays at 4 p.m.

During Lent please take the opportunity to come along to Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Mass intentions received

Anniversary: Mary Rogers – 19th Feb

Birthday Anniversary: Peter Tinney – 22nd Feb, John Flynn – 24th Feb

Other intentions: Our Lady of Good Remedy, for relatives, for friends, Thomasine Anderson, a special intention, a special intention, a special intention to the Holy Family, Maurice Durkin, Peter Taylor (Birthday – 22nd Feb), Terry Harwood.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday is a day of prayer and penance for the world's hungry and needy. It is also CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day. The idea is that you eat and drink less, and place what you save in an envelope. Please take an envelope from the back of church today and return it next weekend.

CAFOD is trying to make poverty history on our behalf.

Longer opening hours!

During Lent we will be keeping the church open until noon every weekday. This is an opportunity for peace, quiet and personal reflection.

Lenten Journey meetings

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

We will be looking at the suggested readings for the Easter Vigil and seeing what they have to say about the time they were written, about the resurrection and about our present day. We will then choose the readings for this year's Easter Vigil. All welcome.

Bidding prayers

After mass, each Tuesday in Lent

Everyone is invited to come along to look at the readings for the following Sunday and help write the bidding prayers.

Manchester Irish Festival Family Fun Day

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday, 4th March at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Levenshulme

Featuring Joe Casserley and the Full Irish Radio Show, this event marks the start of the two week Irish Festival, with live Irish music and dancing displays. Admission is free. For more information contact 0161 257 2484 during office hours or www.manchesteririshfestival.co.uk.



Monday 19 March is the principal feast of **St. Joseph**, Patron of this parish.

There will be an evening Mass in addition to the morning Mass. The evening Mass will be the "new Mass" of 1964 which we now use, but using the original latin texts and plainchant music – Missa De Angelis – Mass of the Angels. Perhaps it will be possible to have a Jacob's Join and Bring Your Own refreshments afterwards. Please let me know what you think.