



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st January 2007

This week's services

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Vincent, deacon and martyr. From Saragossa in Spain.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor. Patron of writers.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Ss. Timothy and Titus, bishops. Disciples of St. Paul.
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass – St. Angela Merici, virgin. Founded the Ursulines in 1535. followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Services for week commencing 29th January

Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. John Bosco, priest. Founded the Salesians in 1859.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Presentation of the Lord
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass – St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. 4 th Century bishop from Armenia. followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministries for 27th/28th January

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	R. Quigley
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	D. Beaton

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	A. Barker S. Jackson A. Gibbs P. Ainscough P. Taylor
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	G. Brindle M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes

Ministries for 3rd/4th February

Readers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.	K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. McIver R. Knowles
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle M. Alvarez J. Briggs

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead: Francis Darby **Anniversary:** Luigi Ondoso – 18 Jan (1st Ann.), Harry Mears, James Culshaw, Annie Conlon – 25 Jan, Mary Knowles – 26 Jan **Birthday:** Joseph Smith
Sick: Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl and Antonio Panico, Josie Hall, Joan Yates, Gail Heys
Thanksgiving to God and Our Lady, special intention (Holy Family), Peter and Harry Kennett, Terry Harwood, family, friends, sick friends.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £633.39

Newsletter

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week.

Prayer for Christian Unity 2007

There will be a service at Sacred Heart and St. Edward on Sunday, 21st January, at 6.30 p.m. See the notice board for further details.

Post-Christmas Bingo

Sunday, 28th January, starting at 7 p.m.

Recycle your unwanted Christmas presents. Bring them to church as prizes for the Post-Christmas bingo.

Tickets are available from the repository shop after mass, priced £3 for adults and £2 for children.

Meeting – all welcome

Tuesday, 23rd January, at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a meeting to finalise arrangements for the bingo and to plan future events. New contributors welcome.

Do you know someone who is getting married this year?

If you know of anyone who is hoping to marry at St. Joseph's during 2007, and their names are not on the following list, please let them know that they need to contact me as soon as possible.

31 st March	Joanne and Christopher
28 th April	Linda and Keith
26 th May	Jennifer and Anthony
2 nd June	Faye and Oliver
28 th July	Kira and Craig
29 th September	Claire and Andrew
24 th November	Emily and Mark

I particularly need to hear from **Lucia and Francesco** and **Nicola and Patrick**.

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	89	Kathleen Taylor
2 nd prize	£10	130	John Howard
3 rd prize	£5	176	Mr & Mrs Howard

Christian Unity Week

The week of prayer for Christian Unity began on Thursday, 18th January, and ends on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on 25th January. This is a reminder to us that the unity of all Christians will only become a possibility when all Christians "convert" or converge their lives on the life of Christ. No Christians can afford to think of themselves as being the ones who are in the right place and all they have to do is stand still until the others come to them. Unity will come through convergence, which will come from a deep conversion within each one of us. If we each come closer to Christ, we will inevitably come closer to each other.

Is God calling you?

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon you to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim the release of captives." Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

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