



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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2nd Sunday of Lent

4th March 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 2 nd Sunday of Lent
	10.00 a.m.	Singing practice
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Requiem mass for Joseph Hodson
	9.45 a.m.	Intercessions meeting
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs. Died in Carthage in 203.
	7.00 p.m.	Lenten Journey
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint John of God, religious. Founded a hospital in Seville.
	7.00 p.m.	Readers' study session
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint Frances of Rome, religious. Ministered to Rome's poor.
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 – 3 rd Sunday of Lent
	10.00 a.m.	Singing practice
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.

R. Quigley

Sunday, 9.00 a.m.

C. Wright

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m.

A. Gibbs
P. Ainscough
K. Hine
P. Wardle
M. Saynor

Sunday, 9.00 a.m.

J. Briggs
R. Massey
D. Forbes
A. Gordon
D. Beaton

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection

£647.47

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	37	R. Massey
2 nd prize	£10	1	Miss Taylor
3 rd prize	£5	190	Terry Canary

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please remember to leave your donation envelope from Friday's Lenten Fast Day.

Spare envelopes are available if you have mislaid yours.

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead: Joseph Hodson, Margaret Shorrocks, Alice Smith, Clara Mellor

Sick: Mike Robinson

Other intentions: Peter Casey, Peter Casey, Charles and Sarah Fairbrother (wedding anniversary), Our Lady (for rail crash victims), special intention to the Holy Family, Thomasine Anderson (2), for relatives, thanksgiving, Terry Harwood.

Readers' study session

This Thursday, 8th March, from 7 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.

This will be a study session on the bible as the Word of God for all who exercise the ministry of reader in the parish. Readers will then be asked to renew their commission at the 7 p.m. mass on the feast of the Annunciation (Monday, 26th March). The study session is also for others who might be prepared to think about becoming a reader, or anyone who is interested in coming along to hear something about sacred scripture and the importance of proclaiming and hearing it.

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.

Weekday mornings

Remember that during Lent we will be keeping the church open until noon every weekday.

Is God calling you?

Peter, John and James had a mountain-top experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountain-top experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's will for our life.

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

Walking treasure hunt

Sunday, 25th March, starting at 1.30 p.m.

There will be a staggered start from the parish hall between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

The price of entry is £3 per team or family.

St. Mary's College spring concert

Monday, 26th March, at 7.30 p.m.

Free admission with a voluntary donation.

Note: there is a date clash with our mass to commission readers at St. Joseph's.

Music rehearsal after mass

After 9 a.m. Sunday mass

Please stay behind for just a few minutes while we rehearse music for Holy Week and Easter.

Lent message from His Holiness Benedict XVI

"They shall look on Him whom they have pierced." (Jn 19:37)

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

"They shall look on Him whom they have pierced." (Jn 19:37) This is the biblical theme that this year guides our Lenten reflection. Lent is a favourable time to learn to stay with Mary and John, the beloved disciple, close to Him who, on the Cross, consummated for all mankind the sacrifice of His life. (Jn 19:25) With a more fervent participation let us direct our gaze, therefore, in this time of penance and prayer, at Christ crucified who, dying on Calvary, revealed fully for us the love of God...

This is the beginning of the message. There are some copies of the full message in the porch. More can be made available, if required.