



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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4th Sunday of Lent

18th March 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – 4 th Sunday of Lent, and Mother's Day
	10.00 a.m.	Singing practice
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
	7.00 p.m.	Solemn sung mass in Latin
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service
	9.25 a.m.	Intercessions meeting
	2.00 p.m.	Requiem mass for James Patrick Yates
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Lenten Journey
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop. Born in 1538.
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass
	12.20 p.m.	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 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.	B. Hughes
Sunday, 9.00 a.m.	D. Beaton

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Last weekend's collections

Offertery collection	£496.64
Retiring collection for CAFOD	£217.99
Grand total for CAFOD	£921.90

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	72	L. Burke
2 nd prize	£10	45	M. Poultney
3 rd prize	£5	115	A. McIver

Craft Class

Wednesdays, 7 – 9 p.m. in the parish hall

Everyone is welcome to the card-making craft class.

Mass intentions received

Anniversary: Doris Fae (2)

Birthday Anniversary: Thomasine Bennett – 19 March, Winifred Byrne (2) – 19 March

Sick: for sick friends, for sick relatives, Our Lady for a very sick friend

Mother's Day: Julia Kay, Annie Conlon, Elizabeth Burke, Eileen Mears, Alice Sandbach, Mavis Clarkson

Other intentions: special intention to the Holy Family, for relatives (2), David Hine, thanksgiving to Our Lady, Our Lady of Good Remedy

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Monday – masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

This is the feast day of our parish patron. The evening mass will be sung in Latin with some English hymns. The penitential rite and Liturgy of the Word (readings) will be in English. The Eucharistic prayer will be in Latin. It promises to be a great celebration for all.

The hall will be open afterwards for a Jacob's Join and BYO.

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.

Fr. Fred Heptonstall's Mission

The writer of "Laughter, Tears and Reflections" wishes to thank all who supported the sale of books for the African Mission, raising a total of £2,651.

Any ideas?

Having tea and coffee after Sunday mass is a great idea and I really welcome suggestions like this. It's important that we encourage individuals and small groups within the parish to develop their own ideas and make them happen. It isn't necessary (or desirable) for every initiative to come from the same people and be scrutinised by committees. If we ever do reach the stage where there are so many people doing their own thing that it becomes a problem, we'll deal with it and find a solution. Until then, keep thinking of the ideas and trying them out!

Adoption agencies petition

You can support the Catholic adoption agencies by signing the Downing Street internet petition at

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/adoptionprotest>.

The petition closes on 26th April.

Tea and coffee after mass

Some parishioners have asked if we might again try to host tea and coffee after Sunday morning mass. Hopefully we will be able to begin this Sunday. There will be the added attraction of bacon butties to tempt you!

Remember, Reflect, Respond

Blackburn Cathedral, 25th March at 4 p.m.

This is an Ecumenical Evensong, commemorating the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. Everyone is welcome. See the notice board for details.

Is God calling you?

Like the Father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person?

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

Furniture Store

The Furniture Store desperately needs beds and bedding. They are grateful for most items of furniture and household goods, with the exception of books and clothing. Call 706420 if you can help. They are also looking for volunteers at the Blackburn store. Please call 680317 if you are interested.