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5th Sunday of Lent

25th March 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

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
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Annunciation of the Lord
	7.00 p.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	7.00 p.m.	Lenten Journey
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	11.00am.	Mass
		12.00 noon Wedding Service
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
		This Mass will begin in the parish Hall and process into church.
	4.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Reminder

The Easter Vigil is at 8pm on Saturday 7 April. There will not be any other Mass on that day.

There will be a Penitential Service with Confessions on Tuesday 3 April at 7.30pm.

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. J. Heywood
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. D. Ross

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. R. Knowles
A. Barker
S. Jackson
A. Gibbs
P. Ainscough
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. R. Massey
D. Forbes
A. Gordon
D. Beaton
G. Brindle

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £574.82

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	5	Eileen Connolly
2 nd prize	£10	115	Anne Mclver
3 rd prize	£5	62	Simone Lingard

Refreshments after mass

Tea, coffee and bacon butties will be available in the hall after Sunday mass again. After last week's success, we have devised ways of speeding up the supply of food and drink.

Mass intentions received

Anniversary: Joe Walkden – 19 March, May Slater, Harry Ashworth

Birthday Anniversary: Edna Wilcock – 26 March, Brian Christopher Walsh

Sick: for sick friends

Mother's Day: Catherine Walsh, Linda Grace Eastham, Gladys Gallagher, Winnie Foster

Other intentions: Fr. Peter Knowles (for good health), forgotten souls, Annie and James Yates, special intention to the holy family, special intention to Saints Martin and Anthony, relatives, Terry Harwood.

British Summer Time

If you're reading this at Saturday's mass, remember to put your clocks **forward** by an hour tonight. If you've just arrived an hour late for Sunday's mass, now you know why!

Treasure hunt – this Sunday

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.

Is God calling you?

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line?

If God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest or religious in the Church, call the Salford Diocese Vocations Director, Fr. David Featherstone, on 0161 681 1410.

Mass of Chrism

On Maundy Thursday the bishop celebrates the Chrism Mass at the cathedral at 10.30 a.m. At this mass, the three oils (oil of catechumens, oil of the sick and sacred chrism) are blessed for use throughout the diocese for the next year. The fact that the oils come from this central supply and from the bishop is a sign of the unity of the diocese. Each year the bishop invites four people from each parish to attend the mass as a further sign of the unity of the diocese. He asks that different people should go each time. If you would like to attend, please leave your name and phone number at the sacristy or presbytery, and a draw will be made for the four tickets. If you would like to go with someone else, please indicate the number of tickets you want.

Family conference for Catholics

Southport Floral Hall, 1st – 3rd June

There will be a family conference for Catholics of all ages again this year at Southport Floral Hall. In addition to various speakers, there will be family entertainment by Jimmy Cricket. There is no charge (donations are welcome); however, places are limited and you will need to travel or find your own accommodation. Registration forms and a list of hotels charging £20-£35 per person per night are available from the sacristy or presbytery. Further information is on the notice board and at www.northerncatholic.co.uk. Alternatively, call 0151 280 7093, 01695 728476 or 01695 51069.

Pot plants needed

We will need some pot plants, both large and small, for Maundy Thursday (green ones, e.g. palms and ferns) and also for the Easter garden (greenery and flowering). Please bring them along any time from Palm Sunday.

Clear out under the church

I've had an offer too good to miss, from a youth group who will clear out the rubbish from under the church. If you, or any groups, have anything stored under the church, please take it or label it clearly as yours within the next ten days, or it may disappear.

Adoption agencies petition

If you haven't already signed, remember the Downing Street internet petition at

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

The petition closes on 26th April.
