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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rescue Sunday)

4th November 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	10.00 a.m.	Funeral services in Ainsworth's Chapel for William Turner, R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	10.00 a.m.	Funeral service in church for Linda Bolton, R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Willibrord, bishop. Born in Yorkshire, founded see of Utrecht.
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday		Note: there will be no midday mass or confessions on Saturday
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass changes

Please note the highlighted changes to this week's services shown above.

Rescue Sunday

Today is Rescue Sunday and the retiring collection will be for the Rescue Society.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Next Sunday, 11th November at 2.30 p.m.

We are all invited to the civic remembrance service at St. Peter's Church. This year's preacher will be the Rev'd Sarah Moore.

200 Club

Next year's envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. There are a few spare numbers available. If you are interested, or if your circumstances have changed, please see Alec Gordon. Thank you.

S.V.P. retiring collections

Next week's retiring collection will be a special Christmas collection for the S.V.P. There will be another collection in December. Please give generously to help them help other less fortunate members of our community.

Faith Enquiry Group

Starts Thursday, 15th Nov. at 7.00 p.m.

Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to come along to the meeting room as we explore aspects of the Catholic faith.

Parish meeting – this Tuesday, 6th November at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come along to the meeting room this Tuesday. On the agenda will be the final arrangements for the Christmas Fair (17th November), details of the Darwen Ladies' Choir (24th November) and the band concert with mince pies and mulled wine (13th December).

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Sarah Langford, Carmela Mazzafiore – 2 masses, Gail Heys – 5 masses, Margaret Lupton – 4 masses

Anniversary: Alice Sandbach (6th November)

Birthday memorial: May Slater

Other intentions: Kathleen Gordon (thanks for successful outcome), Gail's nurses, Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl and Antonio Panico, Mollie McHugh, Thomas McHugh, Joan Yates, the Yates family and friends, deceased family members, Eileen and Harry Mears, Alice and Herbert Sandbach, Our Lady of good remedy – 2 masses, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude

Newsletter

Note that the newsletter is available each week on the parish website www.stjosephsdarwen.org.uk.

If you have any items or suggestions for the newsletter please leave them at the presbytery or email to news@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk.

Christmas Fair

We are collecting tea sets, dinner plates, cups and saucers, etc. for the pottery stall, to raise funds for the new boiler.

Also, we would be very grateful for any donations to the bottle stall. Please leave your gifts at the back of church. Thank you.

Marks & Spencer Christmas bag packing

East Lancashire Hospice is once again seeking volunteers to pack shoppers' bags at the Blackburn and Accrington Marks & Spencer stores in the run-up to Christmas. Last year the amount raised was £11,457, which makes this a key part of their fundraising activities.

Ideally they would like teams of 5 or 6 volunteers to operate a 2-3 hour shift; although offers from individuals would also be very welcome. The dates are Thursday, 20th December until Monday, 24th December (please see the letter on the notice board for further details of times).

If you would like to help please contact Harry Grayson at East Lancashire Hospice on 01254 342810.

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£628.75
All Saints	£215.00

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	37	R. Massey
2 nd prize	£10	114	Thomas Mclver
3 rd prize	£5	5	Eileen Connolly

Is God calling you?

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

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

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Parade	D. Beaton	W. Godwin	D. Ross
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	S. Jackson A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle	D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett	M. Saynor T. Mclver R. Knowles A. Barker S. Jackson	M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon