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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Day) 11th November 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
	2.30 p.m.	Remembrance service at St. Peter's Church
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor
	7.00 p.m.	First meeting of the Faith Enquiry Group
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Edmund of Abingdon, bishop. 13 C. Archbishop of Canterbury.
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass, followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	1.00 p.m.	Christmas Fair
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

S.V.P. retiring collection today

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

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.

Remembrance Sunday Service

This Sunday 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.

Faith Enquiry Group

This 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.

Christmas Fair – next Saturday, 17th November, at 1 p.m.

Please bring in your gifts for the Christmas Fair to the hall from 6.30pm on Friday. We still need goods for the tombola stall, fancy goods, bottle stall, etc. Note that we are **not** having a white elephant stall this year, so please do not bring any bric-a-brac or other used items, other than those we have already asked for.

Tickets for the raffle are now being sold at the back of church. If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair, please let us know. You can ring 01254 702026 between 9.30 a.m. and noon to leave a message, or put your name on the list at the back of church.

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Gail Heys – 3 masses

Anniversaries: Franciszek Fajkis (9th November) – 2 masses, Rita Flynn (10th November) – 4 masses, Walter Clarke (11th November), Catherine Culshaw (13th November), Joseph Smith

Birthday memorial: Violet Elizabeth McIver

Other intentions: Pasquale Pietrosanto – 2 masses, Thomasine Anderson, Elsie Grimshaw, for the Yates family and friends, in thanksgiving to Jesus and His holy mother Mary for blessings received, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude

Darwen Ladies' Choir concert

Saturday, 24th November, at 7.30 p.m.

The Darwen Ladies' Choir has volunteered to give a concert to raise funds for the parish hall kitchen refurbishment. Tickets are on sale now, priced £5 for adults and £3 for children. Cheese and wine refreshments will be served. Please support this event.

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	£531.39
Rescue Society	£263.58

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	6	Kathleen Hine
2 nd prize	£10	40	D. Beaton
3 rd prize	£5	72	L. Burke

Is God calling you?

Let us pray that the Word of the Lord will make progress. Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Reader	W. Godwin	D. Ross	B. Hughes	C. Wright
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Saynor T. McIver R. Knowles A. Barker S. Jackson	M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon	A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor	D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett M. Alvarez J. Briggs