



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Prisoners' Day)

18<sup>th</sup> November 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday		<b>Note there is no 9 a.m. mass on Tuesday</b>
	11.00 a.m.	Requiem mass for the deceased of the deanery at St. Joseph's, Audley
	2.45 p.m.	Mass at St. Joseph's School. Parents, friends and governors welcome.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr. Patron of music and musicians.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Clement I, pope and martyr. The third pope after St. Peter.
Saturday	11.00 a.m.	<b>Confessions (note there is no midday mass on Saturday)</b>
	12.00 noon	Marriage service for Emily Bellusci and Mark Hartley
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
	7.30 p.m.	Darwen Ladies' Choir concert
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Christ the King

## Remembrance Day

Thanks to all the parishioners and leaders who assisted with the Remembrance Day mass and breakfast last Sunday. It is important for us that the young people in the Scout movement, along with all other people, are made aware of the sacrifice that has been (and is still being) made by our armed forces and civilians alike to secure our safety and freedom. We had an excellent turnout from St. Joseph's Scout Group and Bold Venture Park Scout Group. There was a parade of standards from the Scout groups and the Royal British Legion, and a bugler from the Church Lads and Girls Brigade sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Mass was followed by breakfast in the parish hall for over 80 people. Thanks once again.

**Michael Grime, Darwen District Commissioner**

## 200 Club

Next year's envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. However, a small number of them have been taken in error. Please check that you have the correct name and number on your envelopes.

Finally, as the year is drawing to a close, please ensure your subscriptions are up to date. If you have any queries, please contact Alec Gordon on 772365. Thank you.

## Darwen Ladies' Choir concert

**Next Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30 p.m.**

The concert is 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.

## Mass intentions received

**Anniversary:** Dan Howard

**Birthday memorial:** Elizabeth Smith, Raymond Johnson (19<sup>th</sup> November), Gail Heys (23<sup>rd</sup> November), Julia Dowd (23<sup>rd</sup> November) – 2 masses

**Other intentions:** Our Lady of good remedy, the holy family, St. Theresa, St. Anthony and St. Jude, thanksgiving to St. Martin for prayers answered, Joe Makin and Margaret Prescott, the Yates family into the care and protection of Jesus and His holy mother Mary, sick friends and members of the Yates family, Thomasine Anderson, Lauren Lawson, Joan Yates

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## Well done St. Joseph's

I would like to express my thanks to the St. Joseph's and Bold Venture Park Scout Groups for taking part in our Remembrance Day mass, and particularly the parishioners who put in a great deal of effort into making breakfast and creating a terrific atmosphere of parish family, welcome and cooperation. It was really great to be part of it. Well done St. Joseph's.

*Father Peter*

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## Diary dates

Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30 p.m.	Darwen Ladies' Choir
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, at 7 p.m.	Parish meeting
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December, at 7 p.m.	Blackburn with Darwen Junior Band (with minced pies and mulled wine)
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December, at 7 p.m.	Bingo

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## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£618.20
S.V.P.	£155.26

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## Is God calling you?

By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call.

## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	3	Jim Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	139	M. Caton
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	166	G. Waddington

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

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## Ministries

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

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### Explorer Scout and Ranger Guide CHRISTMAS POST starts now.

Cards can be posted until 3pm Friday 7 Dec. Cards will be delivered from 8 December. post boxes and stamps available at THE SHOP Inverness Rd, RUSHTONS Market Hall, BELGRAVE CARPETS Bolton Rd. **15p per card** delivered to Lower Darwen, Darwen and Hoddlesden Village.