



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

Parish Priest: Mgr. Peter Wilkinson

St. Joseph's Presbytery
Bolton Road
Darwen
BB3 2PG

Telephone: 01254 702026
www.stjosephsdarwen.org.uk

e-mail: priest@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk
newsletter: news@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk

Christ the King

25th November 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Christ the King
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
	6.30 p.m.	First Reconciliation and penance service
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic Service St. Andrew, apostle, Patron of Scotland
Saturday		no midday services
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – First Sunday of Advent

Advent starts next week...

... and runs until 24th December. After mass on Monday, 24th December, the church will remain open during the day for anyone who would like to contribute to decorating the church. We will be very grateful to families or individuals who want to make their own decorations and bring them along. Please be as imaginative as you like. It's your church, please decorate it.

Christmas masses will be the same as last year. The first mass of Christmas will be at 11 p.m. and taking us into Christmas morning. The traditional mass of dawn will be at 8.30 a.m. and the family mass will be at 11 a.m. There will be a penance service and opportunity for confession **this Thursday, 29th November at 6.30 p.m.** which will also be the occasion of First Reconciliation for the children on the sacramental programme. There will be several priests here on that occasion.

2008 offertory envelopes

Next year's envelopes are now ready for collection at the back of church. If you have completed Gift Aid forms you must use the same number as this year and these have been labelled with names and addresses. If your circumstances or personal details have changed, please inform Terry O'Neil. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, Terry has all the necessary information.

Boxes numbered 101 to 150 are available for anyone to use.

Can you help?

We have had a request for help from a governor at St. Barnabas C. of E. School. An Italian boy has joined the school, who speaks barely a word of English. Is anyone able to give an hour or two to sit with him at school and help him to get the hang of some basic words and instructions?

Father Peter

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Brian McKinnelley

Anniversaries: John Toner (18th November), Julia Kay (22nd November) – 2 masses, Patricia McNicholas (23rd November), Nancy Ellen Shaw (26th November), Frank Henry Hunt, Harold Nicholas Perkins, Blanche Elizabeth Grime, Joseph Kay

Birthday memorial: Gail Heys (23rd November) – 2 masses, Gary Francis (25th November), Tom Tomlinson (28th November)

Other intentions: Herbert Yates – 2 masses, Joseph Kay, the King family, David Hine, David Aldcroft, Susan Aldcroft, Thomasine Anderson, Lauren Lawson, the Yates family into the care and protection of Jesus and His holy mother Mary, sick relatives and friends of the Yates family, a seriously sick relative, thanksgiving for a favour received, to thank God for another year, St. Jude for a special intention, the holy family, St. Anthony and St. Jude, Our Lady of good remedy

Christmas Fair

The total for the Christmas Fair is likely to be just over £2,350. Very well done to everyone.

The winning raffle tickets are below (ticket colour, number and code) – unclaimed prizes **in bold** White 250 (290), White 330 (290), White 775 (803), Pink 111 (907), **Pink 679 (907), White 446 (803), Pink 237 (907)**, White 929 (803), White 575 (290), **White 653 (803), White 736 (803), White 7 (803), White 394 (290)**, White 609 (290), **White 751 (803), Green 140 (290), Green 283 (290), Green 125 (290), 222 (290)**

St. Joseph's parish tombola stall and raffle outside Darwen market

If you are able bodied and can spare half an hour on Saturday, 8th December, we would be very grateful for your help to raise funds for those in need, both locally and abroad. To volunteer, come for a bacon butty after Sunday mass or call Pat on 775964.

Churches Together in Darwen – Saturday, 1st December

Volunteers are needed from about 10.45 a.m. until 12 noon to give away small gifts and wish “compliments of the season” to passers by. Also, helpers are needed at New Methodist Church at 9 a.m. to blow up balloons. If you are able to help please speak to Father Peter.

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	131	J. Mclver
2 nd prize	£10	116	Mr & Mrs Stockdale
3 rd prize	£5	121	Damien Collins

There are unclaimed prizes for 5 (Eileen Connolly), 37 (R. Massey) and 70 (B. Bolton).

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£470.50
Prison Advice & Care Trust	£121.91

Is God calling you?

The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is a servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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	J. Heywood	P. Cooney	Parade	D. Beaton
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Mclver R. Knowles A. Barker S. Jackson A. Gibbs	R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle	P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor T. Mclver	D. Jarrett M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes