



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Maa – St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Januarius, bishop and martyr
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Andrew Kim Taegon and companions, martyrs
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist
Saturday	12.00 noon.	Mass followed by Confessions as required.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Bible Study Group

We meet each week to read and discuss the first reading and the gospel for the following Sunday. The contributions can be lively but it would be better if a few more people came along.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September we will have been in existence for two years and we hope to celebrate this with a special meeting. It would be really nice to see all those who used to come if only on that night. Please see any of the regulars (Brian, Tony, Alan, Jim, Pearl, Doreen or Pat) for details of the plans for the evening.

## Sacramental programme 2007/2008

**Enrolment meetings - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September in the parish hall**

Would parents who would like their child to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist between now and next June, please attend one of the enrolment meetings. If you cannot manage one of these meetings you will need to contact Father Peter to make other arrangements.

## Refreshments after mass

**Every Sunday – everyone welcome**

Come along to the parish hall after Sunday mass for bacon butties, tea and coffee.

## Readers/Eucharistic Ministers

The current lists run out at the end of September. If there are any additions, removals or changes, please let me know this week by emailing [news@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk](mailto:news@stjosephsdarwen.org.uk) or leave a note at the presbytery.

## Mass intentions received

**Anniversary:** Bob Eastham – 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Other intentions:** special intention (holy family), special intention (St. Anthony and St. Jude), thanksgiving for favour received, special intention (Our Lady of good remedy)

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## A Song for Christies

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September – please see the notice board for details**

This is a social fund raising evening, both for Sacred Heart and St. Edward's Parish and for Christies Hospital in Manchester. There will be a raffle, and a "pie and peas" supper is included in the price of £5 per ticket but please bring your own drink. More details are on the notice board. Tickets can be purchased (or reserved) from the Sacred Heart and St. Edward's presbytery or call Father John on 702525.

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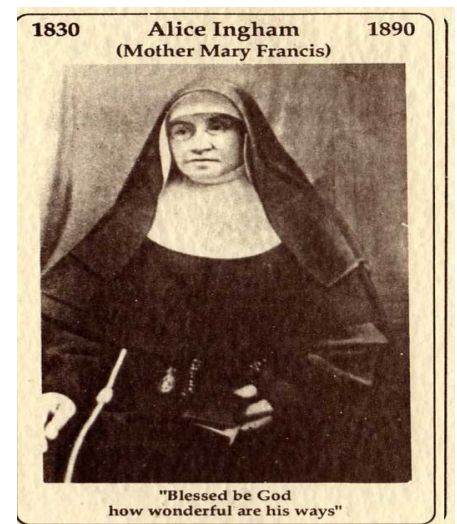
## Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St. Joseph (founded in Rochdale)

**Have you ever considered the following questions?**

- Am I happy and content with my life at the moment?
- What is my future?
- Where is it all going?
- Am I really meant to be doing what I am doing?
- Have I had any thoughts of changing direction?
- Have I got the desire for something new?

**Have you ever had any "foolish" thoughts about serving God as a religious sister?**

Find out more from Sr. Susan on 0161 877 3122 or at franciscanmission@btinternet.com.



## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£628.35
Sunday's cake stall	£60.00

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## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	24	Beryl Hopwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	109	Michelle Livesey
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	169	Marg. Kelly

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## Is God calling you?

God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach the Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister.

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>	W. Godwin	D. Ross	B. Hughes	C. Wright
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor	M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes A. Gordon	T. McIver R. Knowles A. Barker S. Jackson A. Gibbs	D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett M. Alvarez J. Briggs