



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH, DARWEN

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007

## This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Our Lady of Walsingham
	2.00 p.m.	Sacramental programme enrolment meeting in the parish hall
	7.30 p.m.	Sacramental programme enrolment meeting in the church
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Requiem mass for Helena (Nellie) Murray
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Vincent de Paul, priest. Born in France in 1581; died in 1660.
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Wenceslaus, martyr. King, killed by his jealous brother in 935.
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass, followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m.
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sacramental programme** The bishop's secretary has informed me today 22 Sept. that the Bishop will confirm at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 6 May 2008 at 7pm. Confirmation will not now be on Sunday 11 May. Please change this on your letters.

### *Enrolment meeting and letters for parents*

There are letters in the sacristy, outlining the programme and dates, for any parent who has not already received one. The enrolment meeting for parents is **this Monday**, 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please come to the parish hall at 2.00 p.m. or the church at 7.30 p.m.

My apologies to the parents who have not been given notice of this meeting. If you would like your child to be included in this year's sacramental programme and cannot attend one of these meetings, please contact me as soon as possible to make other arrangements. Fr. Peter.

## Children starting primary or secondary school next September

### *Primary school*

If your child will turn five between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009, please contact the school for an application pack as soon as possible. There is a deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### *Secondary school*

Parents with children who will begin secondary school in September 2008 should obtain an application pack from the child's primary school or from St. Bede's as soon as possible.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect a letter from the "Ministries" notice board in the sacristy.

## Refreshments after mass

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

## Mass intentions received

**Lately dead:** Helena Murray, Ronnie Brown

**Anniversaries:** Vera Delarty, May Connor – 12<sup>th</sup> September, Christopher Craven – 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Sick:** Gail Heys (4 masses)

**Other intentions:** special intention (holy family), special intention (St. Anthony and St. Jude), special intention (the faithful departed), special intention (Our Lady of good remedy for good results), special intention (the Yates family), special intention (the sick), Thomasine Anderson, Joan Yates, Cheryl Panico, Charles Anderson, Terry Harwood.

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## Last Saturday's social evening

Many thanks to all who supported the social evening, which raised £200 for parish funds. Attendance was disappointing but those who came had a very enjoyable evening.

## Goods offered

Fr. Peter has been offered a dishwasher and a washing machine. If you know of someone who could make good use of either or both of them, please contact him.

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## Social events

Quiz night	Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m.	More details next week.
Christmas fair	Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
Darwen Ladies' Choir	Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.	Watch out for posters.

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## Bible Study Group

Remember this week's special anniversary meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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## Pro-life witness

On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, there is to be a pro-life witness in St. Ann's Square, Manchester, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is being organised by BVA (British Victims of Abortion). Women who have had abortions will be giving oral testimonies and holding up various placards such as "I regret my abortion." Please come and swell the numbers to support these courageous people.

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## Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection	£528.45
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## 200 Club winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£40	96	M. Holmes
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£10	1	Miss Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£5	110	J. Culshaw

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## Is God calling you?

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be that you are being called to serve the Master 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.

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## Ministries

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