

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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St John the Baptist, Thorpe End; St Peter's, Welby Lane; Convent, Dalby Road.

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Youth Club for years 7 to 10 at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel St, each Weds 7.30-9pm

14th Sunday of the Year – 6th July 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

Day of Special Prayer for Human Life

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Sat 5th	6.00pm	Convent	Victor Kren RIP	<u>Readers</u> C McGrath R Escott Elizabeth/Imogen
Sun 6th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	NB No Mass Ronald Starbuck RIP (Anniversary)	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Dr M Riley & Mrs Bezzano
Mon 7th	7.45am	Convent	Sr Baptista's Intentions	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Tues 8th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Billy Govendar RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Weds 9th	7.00pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	Leavers' Mass Parishioners' Intentions Holy Hour	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Curley & family
Thurs 10th	9.15am	NB School	End of Term Mass Mrs Kate Belak RIP	
Fri 11th	7.45am 1.15pm	Convent St Peter's	ST BENEDICT Patron of Europe Paul Gillick RIP Funeral Mass for Mrs Maria Digoia RIP	
Sat 12th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 2.30pm 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's St John's Convent	Joe Boyle RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Nuptial Mass for Catherine Levett and Nicholas Dunn Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

15th Sunday of the Year – 13th July 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

Sea Sunday

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> P Dark L Escott Amy/Simon
Sun 13th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Nora Lewis RIP Bill Kinsella Baptism of Amora and Honor Stevenson	

In the arms of God

One way of knowing that it's God's word we're hearing when listening to scripture is when it disturbs us. When we try to convince ourselves that we haven't heard what we know we have. When we feel its challenge and flee it. But when it catches up with us, all doubt should go.

Today's Gospel reading (Matt 11:25-30) carries that word, guaranteed to deflate any overblown egos within hearing range. It's that bit about the Father hiding certain "things" from the wise and the learned and revealing them to mere infants. How odd of God to choose that ruse! – to paraphrase British Journalist William Norman Ewer (1885-1976). It must be to put us in our place: the place for "infants", for the "little ones", the disciples of Jesus who had no learning as the scribes and Pharisees had and who had no social standing either. The "things" kept hidden were the signs Jesus worked as pointers to God's kingdom already present among us. Those best trained to recognise them were the very ones who couldn't. Book learning stands for zilch.

Personal effort can't propel us into the mind of God. Merely pouring over the scriptures is a useless exercise. The more we pour, the more we bore. Now there's a thorny thought for bible-belters and pulpit-thumpers!

Better to be a little one in the eyes of God than a learned one in the eyes of man. Better to know your place as an infant: in the loving arms of God.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for July: that World Youth Day in Australia may kindle the fire of divine love in young people, making them heralds of hope for a new humanity.

Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time until September we pray for a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life and seafarers.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Baby Amelia sick, Denis Cronin, Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Clare Mason, the McCann family, Fr Philip O'Dowd and other sick clergy, a mother of two young children who is sick, Ray Broad, Mrs H Dickinson who is sick, Richard Price, Jeanette Crosdale, Muriel Digby, Michael Roach and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2004 Julia Delceppo; 2006 Kenneth Charlesworth.

(NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death)

Collection: Week commencing 29th June 2008 Loose £294.45; Envelopes £378.96; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Peter's Pence: £175.86

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea

THIS WEEK

Tues 8th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group

Weds 9th 7.30pm Youth Club (yr 7-10) see note below

Thurs 10th 7.30pm Christmas Fair meeting

Sympathy

The parish extends sincerest sympathy and prayers to Mrs Catherine Hollis and family on the recent death of her father and to the Digioia family on the death last Tuesday of Mrs Maria Digioia.

Day for Life 2008 – Focus on Mental Health

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit" is the theme for this year's Day for Life – dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

A donation will be given from parish funds.

Catholic News (Diocesan Newspaper)

The July edition is available today. Please take a copy. The July edition of Catholic Life, a magazine of Catholic history and culture, is also on sale today – price £3.

Gift Day – 6th July

The second collection will be your special gift for this Gift Day in thanksgiving for our parish and school. This is to replace what you would have spent at the Garden Party. After the 10.30am Mass at St Peter's there will be a barbecue (please bring your own meat). There will be hot dogs for sale, a tombola, face painting and children's games and tea and coffee served in the parish centre. Parishioners can have their picnic in the parish centre or, weather permitting, outside. The Grand Draw will also take place. Please ensure you have your tickets – first prize £100 and other prizes including vouchers for meals in local restaurants. I hope this will be a very happy parish reunion where you can get to know some more parishioners.

Baptism Preparation Course

This continues this Monday 7th July from 7-8pm in the parish centre and each Monday until 21st July.

Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion 2009

Parents/guardians of children who will be 8 or older by August 2009 please collect a Declaration of Interest form from the back of the church and complete and return it to the presbytery by **Sunday 27th July 2008.**

Congratulations

To Catherine Levett and Nicholas Dunn who will be married at St John's this Saturday 12th July at 2.30pm.

Melton Youth Club (Parish Youth Club)

The sessions on the 9 July will be held at Play Close Park in Melton for a sports themed night. We will be meeting at the swimming pool car park at 7-30pm and parents can pick up at the same place at 9-00pm. If the weather is wet in the afternoon and/or in the evening, the session will meet at United Reformed Church as usual. If you are unsure please ring Kristi on 07787 763313. Thank you.

Volunteers & First Aider

Melton Youth Club are looking for volunteers (and First Aider) to help during their sessions on Wednesdays during school term time. If you would like to help please ring Kristi Newton on 07787 763313. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

There are about ten Mass intentions left. If you have any to request please send them in as soon as possible. Mass can be offered for any intention, for example in thanksgiving, wedding anniversary, successful operation and of course deceased parents, relatives or friends. The usual offering for the support of your priest these days is £10. Fr Jacek will be coming shortly so it will be good if he had some Mass intentions.

Please help oppose new pro-abortion amendments

The government's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill has sadly received approval in the House of Commons and MPs have rejected attempts to reduce the time limit for some abortions. Pro-abortion MPs are now trying to use the Bill as a vehicle to widen the abortion law, enabling even more abortions to take place. Please support the campaign against this:

1. Write to your MP and ask him/her to oppose widening the abortion law
2. Write to the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, asking him not to allow the embryology bill to be used to widen abortion law
3. Distribute leaflets warning others about the bill in your street/neighbourhood

To check on the name and address of your MP, or to order leaflets (free) contact Frances Levett, 565781.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim