

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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Parish Priest: Father Jim O'Hanlon (01664 562274)

Polish Priest: Fr Tylka (01664 562101)

Parish Sisters: Sr Ignatius & Sr Baptista (01664 562422)

Saint Francis Primary School Dalby Road (01664 562891) Headteacher Mrs Denise Shipstone
Youth Club for years 7 to 10 at the United Reformed Church Hall, Chapel St, each Weds 7.30-9pm

1st Sunday of the Year – 13th January 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

The Baptism of Our Lord

Mass Intentions

Private Intention

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Readers</u>
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Convent		J Dolan R Murray Dominic/Rumbi
Sun 13th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Mr Edgar Hunt RIP Parishioners' Intentions	
Mon 14th	7.45am	Convent	Steve & Sarah Nash Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell L Catton & R Rifiugiato
Tues 15th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Richard Casper Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Weds 16th	12.20pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	Mr & Mrs Power and family Holy Hour	
Thurs 17th	9.30am	NB St John's	ST ANTHONY Sharkey family (deceased)	
Fri 18th	7.45am	Convent	Votive Mass for unity among Christians St Francis School Maldon	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
Sat 19th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Margaret Murphy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green

2nd Sunday of the Year – 20th January 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth

Education Sunday

	6.00pm	Convent	Lilian and Horace Martin RIP Visiting Preacher Revd Dr Peter Hooper	<u>Readers</u> J Reed J Chisnall Daniel Burke
Sun 20th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Private Intention	

Who? Me!

Asking the right question is as important as getting the right answer. It means we're on the right track to self-understanding. We're clued in to life. We're focused on the present but with our sights on the future too. But, not everybody is. Those who never ask that all-important question, "Who am I?" can't possibly be. As human beings we don't just walk around with mystery every day. We are mystery walking around! The answer to the question, "Who am I?" is not my name. It has nothing to do with my name. I can change that if I wish. But I can't change my who, no matter how much I might wish to do so, because that is immutable before God. So, I need to meet that who, to discover what makes me, me. Is it status, success, money, ability, intelligence? These play their part in forming me, as do failures, limitations and fears, but there's more to me than all of those put together. I need to ask that all-important question, "Who am I?" and wait patiently until I hear the answer I crave; until in sheer disbelief I hear the words spoken to Jesus in today's gospel (Mt 3:17): you are my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased. Fr Tom Cahill

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for January: That the Church in Africa may bring reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time until Lent we pray for these intentions: Peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers and the unemployed.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Joseph Digioia, Kathleen Bielak, David Bennett, 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 and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2001 Susan Skiffington; 2003 William Guy.

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

Collection: Week commencing 6th January 2007; Loose £133.21; Envelopes £524.45; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £51.37

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week there will be a retiring collection for the Parish Magazine (parish funds will match the amount raised)

THIS WEEK

Mon 14th 7.30pm PPC meeting in Parish Centre

Tues 15th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group at the Samworth Centre

Fri 18th Confirmation session in Parish Centre

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

White Flower Appeal – this weekend

In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The Society opposes laws and policies which violate human life such as abortion, euthanasia, research on human embryos and anti-life sex education. SPUC also provides speakers for schools and a range of pro-life support services. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 14th January

An item on the Agenda will be a fund raising event to be organised for the Mayor's charity for young people. If you would like to help please contact any member of the PPC.

Santo Nino Devotion

All are invited to the celebration of the Feast of Santo Nino (Divine Infant) on 19th Jan at Blessed Sacrament Church, Braunstone, Leicester. All are also welcome to join the 9 days novena. See poster for details.

Churches Together in Melton Mowbray

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** "*Pray without ceasing*" takes place from Sun 20th to Sun 27th Jan. Please collect a flyer with details of the services.

Grand Jumble Sale

Bring your unwanted items to the sale in aid of CAFOD and Christian Aid taking place at Sage Cross Methodist Church on Saturday 26th Jan from 10am-12noon.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Jubilee Year

By air from East Midlands Airport Mon 14th to Sun 20th July 2008 (6 nights in Lourdes) or by luxury coach from Sun 13th to Sun 20th July (5 nights in Lourdes) with overnight stops, including a visit to the shrine of St Bernadette at Nevers. For brochures and booking forms (one per person) write to the Pilgrimage Office, Willson House, Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW, or call 07971 625 764. Early booking advisable on this special year for Lourdes – the 150th anniversary of Our Lady appearing to St Bernadette.

Petition against human-animal hybrids

Please sign the petition in the porch against the current Bill, which proposes to legalise the creation of human-animal hybrids and to widen the scope for experiments on human embryos.

Peace Sunday

Next Sunday our parish will celebrate Peace Sunday, which offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day message. This year the theme is "*The Human Family: Community of Peace.*" Pax Christi, the international Catholic Movement for Peace, has produced prayers and resources to help us reflect on the theme and on its work. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ – is involved in campaigning on issues such as the Middle East and supports programmes that develop education for peace and seek alternatives to violence. To join Pax Christi, or to find out more about its work, pick up a Pax Christi leaflet from the back of the church or write to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon London NW4 4TY or visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

Car Park at St Peter's

In the near future the car park will be marked out. To the left of the main door two spaces will be marked for disabled parking. If you have any suggestions or observations on pedestrians please put your comments in the box in the porch at St Peter's or pass on to any member of the PPC, Parish Sister or Fr Jim.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is now available for bookings. It can be hired for £7.50 an hour, including use of the kitchen for teas and coffees, or an extra £20 to cook in the kitchen. Groups in the parish or parishioners who wish to make a booking for meetings, birthday parties etc please contact the parish office on 562274.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday

Please return your blessed palms from Palm Sunday so that they can be burnt for ash on Ash Wednesday.

Lent Groups

Churches Together propose that home groups meet during Lent to follow a course called "Just Church" produced in connection with Hope 08. (See justchurch.org.uk). More details to follow.

Admissions to St Francis School

The closing date for admissions next year is Friday 22nd February 2008. Applications being considered are for children who will be five years old between 1.9.08 and 31.8.09. Please contact the school on 562891 if you have not yet put in an application for your child.

Ratcliffe College Bursary Scheme

Please see poster for details of four places being offered annually to children joining year 7 as from Sept 2008.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim