

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)

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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

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 19th	6.00pm	Convent	Lilian and Horace Martin RIP	J Reed J Chisnall Daniel Burke
Sun 20th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Private Intention	
Mon 21st	7.45am	Convent	ST AGNES Sr Valerie's Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green
Tues 22nd	9.30am 10.45-12noon 7.30pm	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's St Peter's Parish Centre	Fr Raymond Mendal RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Christian Unity Taize Style Service	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Weds 23rd	12.20pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	Aleksander Zorko RIP Holy Hour	
Thurs 24th	9.15am	NB Convent	Mrs Mallender/Mrs Hacking's Classes Deceased father	
Fri 25th	7.45am	Convent	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL (Apostle) Sr Immaculata RIP	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue
Sat 26th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS Eucharistic Ministers' Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed Sr Baptista & M Bryning
<u>3rd Sunday of the Year – 27th January 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter</u>				
	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Stiscia	<u>Readers</u> D Howe C Burns A Cuttill
Sun 27th	9.00am 10.30am 6pm	St John's St Peter's St Mary's	In thanksgiving (J Chisnall) Mass for Christian Unity Parishioners' Intentions Christian Unity Service – Preacher Rev Geoff Colmer (preceded by Holocaust vigil at the War Memorial 5.30pm)	

Come and see!

When two of John the Baptist's disciples recognise Jesus as a rabbi (teacher) they want to know more about him. Their response prompts Jesus to invite them to "come and see." After a day spent with Jesus, learning from his teaching, they recognise Jesus as the Messiah. It is the beginning of a shared life-long commitment to follow Jesus, absorbing and reflecting on his teaching and example. Today, we are those disciples who are asked to recognise and respond to Jesus. To come and see, but also to go and tell. Paul reminds us of the grace given to us in Jesus which enriches our speaking and our knowledge. As we celebrate education, we look to be attentive to Jesus' teaching and the impact of living out his example in our lives, as well as remembering the gift of teaching and learning that sustains communities around the world as they grow from generation to generation. This pattern of finding Jesus and being invited to continue a journey with him is important to Christians around the world. In the centenary year of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians across denominations are considering what it means to "pray without ceasing." We are also called to respect all of God's creation. When we are in communities and situations where we do not see God's justice and love we are called to pray, reflect and act, to help to change the world into the likeness of the Kingdom that Jesus taught about.

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 Digoia, Kathleen Bielak, Denis Cronin, Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Clare Mason, the McCann family, Josh Crump, 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: 1998 Sandra Darlington; 1999 John Coughlan; 2004 John Jinks; 2005 Aleksander Zorko; 2006 Leszek Mosoro. (NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death)

Collection: Week commencing 13th January 2007; Loose £165.87; Envelopes £361.70; Standing Orders £325.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Next weekend: the Second Collection will be for sick and retired Priests.

THIS WEEK

Thurs 24th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's

Fri 25th 7pm Confirmation meeting in Parish Centre
(Please note the following week there will be a whole group meeting on Weds 30th 7pm in the Parish Centre)

White Flower Appeal Thanks

The SPUC White Flower Appeal raised £300. Thank you very much to all who supported this.

Pro-Life Times

This will be given out free after Mass today. Please take a copy as you leave.

Petition Against Human-Animal Hybrids and briefing from the Catholic Bishops' Conference

This is the last chance to sign the petition in the porch against the current Bill, which proposes to legalise the creation of human-animal hybrids and other abuses. The Catholic Bishops' Conference is calling for us all to write to our MPs urgently and there is a sheet attached to your bulletin to help you do this. Please try to act on it. There will be a meeting on Thurs 31st Jan at 7.30pm in the Convent, Dalby Road, at which you can learn more about the proposals and see an excellent short DVD about stem cell research. There will be a Mass Lobby of Parliament soon, which you can join. More details from Parish Co-ordinator Frances Levett, 565781

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.

Training Day for Readers

Please reply to Sr Thomas More as soon as possible. This day takes place at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys, Leicester on Saturday 2nd Feb 10am for 10.30-3.30pm. Those readers who have not been on a course already I hope it will be possible for you to attend this one.

Baptism Preparation Course

If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism, the next course will start on Mon 4th Feb at the Convent, Dalby Road. If interested please phone Sr Baptista.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim

Peace Sunday

Today is Peace Sunday. Did you know each one of us is spending nearly £10 a week on warfare? This could instead be used to avoid the worst effects of climate change by reducing green house gas emissions and investing in international progressive disarmament and conflict prevention programmes.

War in Iraq – the Nobel Prize winning Economist, Joseph Stiglitz, has estimated that the total eventual cost of the Iraq war, including the budgetary, social and macro-economic costs are likely to exceed 2 trillion dollars. This could be 2,000 dollars a head for each of the worlds poorest billion people who live and die on less than 1 dollar a day.

Nuclear weapons – the minimum cost of replacing Britain's Trident nuclear weapons system is estimated to be 25 billion pounds, this is equivalent to building a thousand new schools or providing 120,000 newly qualified nurses every year for the next ten years.

The vision of Pax Christi (the international Catholic Movement) 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

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.