

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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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

3rd Sunday of the Year – 27th January 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 26th	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Stiscia	D Howe C Burns
Sun 27th	9.00am	St John's	In thanksgiving (J Chisnall)	A Cuttill
	10.30am	St Peter's	Mass for Christian Unity Parishioners' Intentions	
	6.00pm	St Mary's	Christian Unity Service – Preacher Rev Geoff Colmer (preceded by Holocaust vigil at the War Memorial 5.30pm)	
Mon 28th	7.45am	Convent	ST THOMAS AQUINAS Mrs Joan Taylor (sick)	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed Sr Baptista & M Bryning
	9.30am	St John's (followed by refreshments)	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tues 29th	10.45-12noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Weds 30th	12.20pm	Convent	NB No Mass	
	8.00pm	Convent House	Holy Hour	
Thurs 31st	9.15am	Convent	NB ST JOHN BOSCO (Patron saint for young people) No Mass	
	7.45am	Convent	NB No Mass	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue
Sat 2nd	9.00am	St John's	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (Feast) Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker H Webb & family
	9.30-12 noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	11.30am	St John's	NB No Confessions	
	5.15-5.45pm	Convent	Confessions with Visiting Priest followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	
<u>4th Sunday of the Year – 3rd February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 4 of Psalter</u>				
<u>Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed</u>				
	6.00pm	Convent	Vincent & Maria Digoia (50 th Wedding Anniversary)	<u>Readers</u> M Frisby P Lee A McGrath
Sun 3rd	9.00am	St John's	Priest's Intention	
	10.30am	St Peter's	Priest's Intention	

All for one?

M. Scott Peck wrote in *The Different Drum*: Pseudo community is conflict avoiding; true community is conflict resolving. In today's second reading (1 Cor 1:10-13, 17) Paul would seem to hold a similar view. He appeals to the Corinthians to remember in whose name they were baptised. Respecting their common baptism in Jesus name creates unity. As Paul asks them collectively and not individually about their baptism, they must answer collectively. They can do that only by talking constructively together first. Respect for Jesus name is the springboard to that desired exchange. Two things are clear here: baptism unifies; it's not automatic. Those baptised have to work with their baptism to allow it to have its effect. This doesn't mean that as soon as we recall our common baptism in Jesus name everything is hunky dory. No more bickering, shortsighted self-interest, or breaking up into groups, gangs or factions. Call them what you will. But what it does mean is that we'll have to do some heavy-duty thinking about why we want to be called Christian in the first place and follow with behaviour that shows that why. Today more than ever conflict resolution, at all levels is direly needed, today being Holocaust Memorial Day.
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 Digoia, Kathleen Bielak, Denis Cronin, Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Clare Mason, the McCann family, Josh Crump, Mrs Joan Taylor (Sr Valerie's mother) 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: 1999 Mary Smith, Susan Shelton; 2001 Patrick Kynoch; 2003 Joan Long; 2006 Denise Lundy. (NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death)

Collection: Week commencing 20th January 2007; Loose £171.17; Envelopes £466.50; Standing Orders £325.00

Retiring collection for the Parish Magazine: £161.52 plus £161.52 from parish funds

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection this weekend will be for sick and retired Priests (see leaflet).

THIS WEEK

Tues 29th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group at the Samworth Centre

Weds 30th 7pm Confirmation meeting in Parish Centre

Thurs 31st 7.30 Children's Liturgy Group meeting

Thurs 31st 7.30 Meeting re Human-Animal Hybrids

Sat 2nd 10am Readers Training Day at St Patrick's

Childrens' Liturgy

There will be a meeting of the Children's Liturgy Group on Thursday 31st January at St Peters sacristy at 7.30pm All welcome – If you are interested in finding out more about the group please come along or contact Ewa Loj on 01949 861545

Human-Animal Hybrids – Meeting and DVD this Thursday 31st January 7.30pm at the Convent

The Bishops of England and Wales are calling on all Catholics to get involved in opposing the current Government Bill. They have sent out a very good briefing, plus a 12 minute DVD on stem cell research. It is very important that we act now. Please come to the meeting this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Convent, Dalby Road, to find out more about the issues and what you can do. More details from the Parish Co-ordinator, Frances Levett, 565781.

Call to Prayer

Please pray – we are living in a time where the moral and ethical boundaries our nation once adhered to and took for granted, are being wholly rejected. As Christians it is our responsibility to speak up for truth and justice. The embryo ought to be accorded special status in our law. Society is defined by its treatment of the most vulnerable – the embryo cannot defend itself and so we must be the voice of the voiceless.

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.

Home Mission Sunday Collection

We have received a letter of thanks for sending £196.50.

First Communion

There will be a meeting for parents of First Holy Communion children on Thursday 7th February at 7pm at St Francis School.

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.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday

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

Garment of Suffering

Please ensure you have a leaflet about this for Lent.

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). If you wish to join a group please fill in your name on the appropriate list in the porch.

New Year Honours

Congratulations to Mrs Frances Levett on receiving an award (for her voluntary work for SPUC since 1972) at the Melton Times 2008 New Years Honours event at Stapleford Park.

Recommended Website

<http://www.catholicblogs.com/>

The largest Catholic blog website on the Internet and one of the easiest to use and to search. Search for articles from thousands of Catholic blogs, or browse the directory of Catholic blogs and RSS/Atom feeds. Hundreds of articles added daily to this website.

Visiting Priest

Fr Gi Hong Choi will be celebrating Mass next weekend. He is a Korean priest who is studying at Leicester University. He will also be available for Confessions at the Convent on Saturday next at 5.15pm. You may wish to avail of this opportunity.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim