

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

First Sunday of Lent – 10th February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 9th	6.00pm	Convent	Private Intention	Sr Thomas More R Escott S McGuire
Sun 10th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Mrs Halina Oles RIP Parishioners' Intentions	
Mon 11th	9.00am	NB Convent	OUR LADY OF LOURDES World Day of Prayer for the Sick David and Freda Levett RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell M & S Riley & Mrs Bezzano
Tues 12th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Private Intention Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Weds 13th	12.20pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent	Sr Bernadette's Intention Holy Hour	
Thurs 14th	9.30am	NB St John's	SS CYRIL & METHODIUS (Patrons of Europe) George Lee RIP	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Fri 15th	9.00am 7.00pm 7.45pm	NB Convent St John's NB St John's	CAFOD Family Fast Day Sr Penelope's Intention Adela and Edward Kuzniar (50 th Wedding Anniversary) Stations of the Cross for Lent	
Sat 16th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Service of the Word and Holy Communion Eucharistic Ministers' Intention Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament NB No Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Curley & family
<u>Second Sunday of Lent – 17th February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter</u>				
	6.00pm	Convent	Marjorie Barber RIP	<u>Readers</u> P Jones L Escott J Harvey
Sun 17th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Private Intention	

Temptation

Oscar Wilde's quip, that he could resist everything except temptation, contains a grain of wisdom. In a quirky way it is saying: careful how you fight temptation; you may not win. Oscar clearly didn't. Neither did Adam and Eve. Temptation trades in lies as today's first reading shows (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7). It is countered by truth, as today's Gospel shows (Matthew 4:1-11). When tempted to turn stones into bread Jesus doesn't "engage" with the temptation. He confronts it with truth: God's word is the source of life, not bread. When Satan tempts him a second time, Jesus warns him not to tempt God. No fear, or indecision, there. Satan ignores the warning and tempts Jesus again. His offer of all the kingdoms on earth to Jesus if only he would worship him is so preposterous that Jesus summarily dismisses him. And he goes.

Satan is not as powerful as he would like to be seen to be. While temptation to evil is a fact of life, so too is the victory of good over evil. Evil's power has been definitively defeated. The Incarnation has seen to that.

Evil has a past and a present, but no future. Neither do those who submit to it.

Fr Tom Cahill

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for February: That Institutes of Consecrated Life, in faithfulness to the Gospel, may generously share Christ's mission to the world.

Cycle of Prayer: During Lent we pray for these intentions: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Joseph Digioia, 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 Margaret Wilson, Rosie Traczuk.

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

Collection: Week commencing 3rd February 2008; Loose £198.59; Envelopes £424.85; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £38.23

Thank you for your generosity

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Envelopes will be available this weekend. Please share what you can with some of the poorest communities worldwide. **If possible fill in the Gift Aid details.**

School Transport Update

"Sources within County Hall have revealed that there has been a significant increase in funding from Central Government this year (£80 million). This means that there is no longer a need to generate revenue by charging the **Catholic Tax** for school transport. There will be a full council meeting on Weds 20th Feb at 2pm at County Hall. Please try to attend this – don't leave it to someone else. If this demonstration is a flop then we all lose and pay up in September!" (Taken from an email by Chris Taylor a De Lisle parent – chris.2.taylor@bt.com)

Service for new members entering the Church (Rite of Election)

Andrew Tildesley and Olivia Tildesley of Dickens Drive, are being sent forth by their Catechists for this service this afternoon in our Cathedral. Their Catechists recognise the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and they wish the Parish to assure them of their prayers as they go forward for recognition by Bishop Malcolm. Congratulations to them on reaching this stage of their journey into the Church. During Lent they will continue reflecting on the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent and receive the sacraments of the Church at the Easter Vigil.

THIS WEEK

Tues 12th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group at the Samworth Centre

Weds 13th 7.30pm SPUC meeting in the Sacristy

Baptism Preparation Course

This course will continue on Mon 11th Feb 7.30pm at the Convent, Dalby Road.

SPUC Branch Meeting – this Weds 13th Feb 7.30pm

All welcome at this meeting in St Peter's Sacristy. Please try to attend; we need your help to fight these proposed abuses of human life at its very beginning.

PARISH MAGAZINE

Please email articles for the parish magazine to dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com or send them to 1, College Avenue, MM, by Monday 18th February, just after half term. Thank you very much.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Handing on our Faith

This is the theme throughout the year in our Diocese. In his New Year message Our Holy Father Pope Benedict reminded us of the great truth that parents are the first

and best teachers of the Faith to their children. A meeting will take place in our Parish Centre on Weds 5th March from 7.30pm until 8.30pm. The evening will be led by Fr Ken O'Riordan and Paula Bailey our Diocesan Adult Education Directors. All parents please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Our Lenten Community Service of Reconciliation

This will take place at St John's Church on Sunday 9th March at 5pm. There will be two visiting Confessors.

Lenten Station Service – Thursday 13th March St Peter's Church Melton Mowbray.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm with Visiting Confessor

Concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

This has been postponed from 9th March to 16th March. We will meet at 3.30pm at the Convent for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a meeting at 4pm.

The Catholic News (Diocesan Newspaper)

Available today.

Lenten Journey of Prayer Booklet

These are available today and the price is 60p. Please leave your donation in the box in the church porch.

Children's Calendar for Lent

This is available for 20p.

Garment of Suffering

Please ensure you have a leaflet about this for Lent.

Collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy

Many thanks for your wonderful response. The amount in to date is £572.20. Our Diocesan target is £850 so if you have not contributed to this collection yet and would like to, the Bishop suggests a donation of at least £5 or more if you can afford it.

Human-Animal Hybrids – "The Issue of the Day"

Message from the Bishops

"The fact that some people are more involved [*in this*] does not mean that everyone else can forget about it. There are times when it is necessary for the whole community to get involved in one particular issue, when one issue becomes the issue of the day. **Now is the moment for the whole community and for all men and women of good will to speak out about the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill.** It will be passed in the name of all citizens and if you do not speak out about it, then your silence will be taken as consent." More details from Frances Levett, 565781.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim