

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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DIOCESAN THEME 2008 – HANDING ON OUR FAITH

Second Sunday of Lent – 17th February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 16th	6.00pm	Convent	Marjorie Barber RIP	P Jones L Escott J Harvey
Sun 17th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Private Intention	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Curley & family
Mon 18th	7.45am 5.00pm	Convent St John's	The Digby Family Intention Reception of the body of Mrs Mary Daintith RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Tues 19th	9.30am 10.45-12noon 2.30pm	St John's St John's St John's	NB <i>No Mass</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Daintith (Celebrant Mgr Parish Priest St Joseph's Oakham)	Tom McGovern VG
Weds 20th	12.20pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	John and Christina Hyland RIP Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Thurs 21st	9.15am	NB School	Class Mass (year 6) Dorothy Smith RIP	
Fri 22nd	7.45am 7.00pm	Convent St John's	CHAIR OF ST PETER APOSTLE (Feast Day) Sisters in Govan Stations of the Cross for Lent	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed J Cuttill & family
Sat 23rd	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Aunties Eileen and Maureen Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	
		<u>Third Sunday of Lent – 24th February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter</u>		
	6.00pm	Convent	John and Rosa Dumpleton RIP	<u>Readers</u> M Barson S Charlton D Harvey
Sun 24th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Mrs Teresa Lovejoy RIP (Anniversary)	

Rainy Sundays

British novelist Susan Ertz (1894-1985) once remarked that millions long for eternity who wouldn't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. Nowadays, the lure of unreality and cyberspace, from television and the internet, has eased that problem to some degree. Unfortunately, in so doing, virtual reality increasingly substitutes for the real thing.

Our faith however, carries us far beyond the confines of cyberspace. It propels us to the edge of eternity. It blows our mind with the promise of resurrection and a fullness of life beyond imagining and it does so while keeping our feet firmly fixed on mother earth.

The invitation to journey beyond cyberspace and unreality was issued a long time ago to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4). He was to leave his familiar surroundings and move without knowing his final destination. He would discover that along the way trust and commitment come first. Fulfilment of promise comes later.

Sunday afternoons were not a problem for Abraham. He had a mission in life to carry out, a future to face and a destiny to fulfil – hail, rain, or snow. May we use our Sunday afternoons wisely. This Lent may they be times to abstain from the self-indulgence of feeling bored.

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: 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 and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Freda Toth, Anne Kinsella; 2000 Elizabeth Croasdell; 2001 Marjorie Barker; 2002 Kathleen Sidebotham; 2004 Canon Leo McReavy; 2005 Bridgette Moy; 2006 Dorothy Smith; 2007 Joan Clarke.

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

Collection: Week commencing 10th February 2008; Loose £140.37; Envelopes £392.85; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £51.62

Thank you for your generosity

Second Collection this weekend: Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes

CAFOD Family Fast Day

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

Walk Lightly

*Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person,
sings your praises, Creator God.*

*Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and
great seas, show your glory, Spirit of love.*

*And yet the hand of greed has patented and
plundered your splendour, has taken and not shared
your gift, has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.*

*And so the ice is cracked, the rivers dry, the valleys
flooded and the snowcaps melt.*

*God our Father, show us how to step gently, how to
live simply, how to walk lightly with respect and love
for all that you have made. Amen.*

Linda Jones/CAFOD

THIS WEEK

Mon 18th 7pm Management Committee meeting
in St Peter's Sacristy

Weds 20th 7.30pm Finance meeting in the Presbytery

Weds 7.30pm Youth Club meet at URC Church Hall

Thurs 21st 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's

Thurs 7.30pm Liturgy meeting in St Peter's Sacristy

Baptism Preparation Course

This course will continue on Mon 18th Feb 7.00pm at the Convent, Dalby Road.

Mothers' Prayer Group – Tuesday 26th February

This will take place at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Peter's instead of the Samworth Centre.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Lenten Station Service – Wednesday 27th February

St Winefride's Shepshed - Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm and concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm.

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 Fr Michael Eastwood P.P. of Shepshed
Concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm

St Patrick's Day

There will be a Mass at 11am on March 15th at St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester followed by music and refreshments until 2.30pm.

Also on March 15th from 8.30pm until late, dancing to the Cassidy Show Band. Admittance by ticket only £7.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

This has been postponed from 9th March to 16th March. We will meet at 4pm at the Convent for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a meeting at 4.30pm.

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. Also Children's Calendar for Lent 20p.

Garment of Suffering

Please ensure you have a leaflet about this for Lent. Please hand in your square piece of cloth if you wish to take part in this.

Human-Animal Hybrids

Thank you to all who wrote to the Lords about the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill. No pro-life amendments were passed in the Lords and the Bill now goes to the Commons virtually unchanged. The Second Reading date will only be announced just beforehand and may be as early as 25th February, so it is important that we write to our MP **now** asking him to vote against it. Even if you have written before please write again. After the Second Reading there will be a Mass Lobby in London, which you can join. This Bill is a very serious threat to the unborn and the Catholic Bishops are calling on us all to act.

Gift Aid Claims

I am very pleased to announce the good news that the parish has received £4,501.04 from the Inland Revenue from the tax paid by those who have Gift Aided their offerings at Mass. Thanks for all Gift Aiders.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim