

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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DIOCESAN THEME 2008 – HANDING ON OUR FAITH

Third Sunday of Lent – 24th February 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 23rd	6.00pm	Convent	John and Rosa Dumbleton RIP	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)	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed J Cuttill & family
Mon 25th	7.45am	Convent	Margaret Dunn RIP	
Tues 26th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Sr Immaculata RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Weds 27th	12.20pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	NB Convent St Winefrides Shepshed Convent House	SS M.CLITHEROW A.LINE AND M.WARD Joan Clarke RIP Deanery Station Service Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Thurs 28th	9.30am	NB St John's	Hyland/Rooney family (deceased)	
Fri 29th	7.45am 7.00pm	Convent St John's	Sr Valerie's Intention (Feast Day) Stations of the Cross for Lent	
Sat 1st	9.00am 9.30-12 noon	St John's St John's	ST DAVID (Patron of Wales) Sr Cecelia RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker L Catton & R Rifugiato
March	11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's Convent	Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 2nd March 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Laetare Sunday</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	In thanksgiving	C McGrath
Sun 2nd	9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm	St John's St Peter's Convent	Parishioners' Intentions Patrick McNally RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	J Boylan J Morgan

Sophisticated slavery

In his book *Seeking Spirituality* Ronald Rolheiser states that the incarnate God is found first and foremost in people's homes. According to him "The God of the Incarnation is more domestic than monastic."

The Israelites, in today's First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7), didn't see God that way. For them, he was external: present in a burning bush, in a pillar of cloud, in a pillar of fire and on a storm tossed mountaintop. So external was he that they doubted his presence at all in time of difficulty. For them, he was a fair-weather God.

When their basic needs were not met, they complained loudly. Forgetful of their recent past of slavery and misery, they bemoaned their perilous present and their uncertain future. They wanted sustenance, security and comfort. Otherwise they would resort to idols for what they wanted.

Are we, modern and sophisticated as we like to think, all that different? Don't we too have our idols: consumerism, entertainment, fashion, popularity and image? Aren't we enslaved by the shop-till-you-drop impulse, the must-have craving for the latest fashions and trends and an insatiable appetite for praise and popularity?

Could we say that our God is not just domestic, but domesticated?

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: 2003 Herbert Beyer; 2004 Margaret Whitfield.

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

Collection: Week commencing 17th February 2008; Loose £182.41; Envelopes £465.00; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day: £578.56

Thank you for your generosity

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Mrs Mary Daintith RIP. Mary was a member of our parish for about 20 years and retired to a retirement home in Oakham a couple of years ago where she died on the 8th February.

THIS WEEK

Tues 26th 7.30pm Mothers' Prayer Group meet in the Meeting Room at St Peter's

Weds 27th 6.45pm Governors' meeting at St Francis

Weds 27th 7.30pm Youth Club at URC Church Hall

Thurs 28th 7.30pm PPC meeting in the Meeting Room (former Baptistry) at St Peter's

Baptism Preparation Course

This course will continue on Mon 25th Feb 7.00pm at the Convent, Dalby Road.

Lenten Station Service – Wednesday 27th February

St Winefride's Church, 50 Charnwood Road, Shepshed - Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm and concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm.

Silver Circle

We will meet on February 28th from 2-4pm at our new venue **St Peter's Parish Centre, Welby Lane, Melton.** We look forward to seeing you all.

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.

Please pick up a prayer card from the porch to pray for this intention.

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

Nottingham's 9th St Patrick's Weekend Festival

Please see poster in porch for details.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This will take place on Sunday 22nd June 2008.

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.

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.

Readers for Easter

Readers please volunteer to do a reading if you are here at Easter. Thank you.

Church Cleaners

Please collect your copy of the rota from the porch.

Nottingham Community Prison Chaplaincy

A Co-ordinator is required to work 16/20 hours per week. Closing date 31st March. See poster in porch for details.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Our parish raised £578.56 to show solidarity with our global family. CAFOD sends its thanks for your generosity this Lent Fast Day. Through your donations, your actions and your prayers, you are helping to build a better world.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim