

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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EASTER SUNDAY – 23rd March 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Sat 22nd	8.00pm	St Peter's	<u>Easter Vigil Mass</u> Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> R Escott Helen/Elizabeth
Sun 23rd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr Patrick Cassidy RIP Leo Gilmartin RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed H Webb & family
Mon 24th	7.45am	Convent	NB <i>No Mass today</i>	
Tues 25th	9.30am 10.45-12noon 1.15pm	St John's St John's L'boro Crematorium	Alice Desborough RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Funeral of Peter Newton RIP	<u>Counters</u> Next week A
Weds 26th	1.15pm 8.00pm	St Peter's Convent House	Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Digioia RIP Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj & Mrs Curley
Thurs 27th	9.30am	St John's	Johanna Gray RIP	
Fri 28th	9.00am	NB Convent	Catherine Cairns	
Sat 29th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Sr Immaculata RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker M & S Riley Mrs Bezzano

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 30th March 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

			<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u>	
	6.00pm	Convent	Fr John Linburgh RIP	
		British Summertime – clocks go forward one hour		
Sun 30th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Edgar Hunt RIP Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> D Howe P Lee I Robinson

Moving from darkness into light

They tell of one faith-filled priest answering his phone enthusiastically on Easter Sunday with the Eastern Orthodox greeting "Christ is Risen." The very startled caller replied "is he really?" instead of the traditional reply "He is truly risen." We are in a war between dullness and astonishment. What is Easter for us? Is it just the unveiling of chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies and spring lamb? Is this Easter?

On Easter Day, with full churches, hearts can be surprisingly empty. Christ conquers death – yes, physical death but in whatever form it may take. What is dead or decaying within you? Have you let a dream die and it's all wrapped and buried in place. Maybe a relationship with someone once close to you is dead and buried? It could be your friend, your husband, your wife. Or maybe what is dead is your heart because somebody hurt you, or your compassion has just worn out.

Is something important entombed in you, dead and buried and dried up into nothing because of something terrible that happened in your past? And what remains is bitterness, decay, desiccation, despair, cynicism, apathy, a dull enduring sadness? Let him Easter in us.

Fr Tom Cox

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for March: That persecuted Christians may be sustained by the Holy Spirit and courageously bear witness to the Word of God.

Cycle of Prayer: During Eastertide we pray for these intentions: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church and human work.

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, Alice Chalmers, Ann McElroy and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Suzanne Knight Fallows, Michael Berry; 2002 Mary Brannan, Joanne Buxton.

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

Collection: Week commencing 16th March 2008; Loose £202.46; Envelopes £430.84; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Easter flowers: £169.99

Thank you for your generosity.

Sympathy

The parish extends sincerest sympathy and prayers to the families of Giuseppe Digioia and Peter Newton on their recent bereavements.

Easter Wishes

Wishing you all every joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ. Let us place our hope in him.

Easter Offerings

Your offering at Easter is your customary Easter offering for your priest.

Garment of Suffering

The square pieces of cloth representing the grief, pain or sickness etc of parishioners are draped on the cross at St Peter's. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

Reception into full membership of the church

Congratulations to Andrew Tildesley and his daughter Olivia, of Dickens Drive, who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 22nd March.

Silver Circle

The next meeting will be in St Peter's parish centre on Thursday 27th March from 2-4pm.

Finding Time for God

A Ratcliffian Association Retreat will take place at Ratcliffe College on Friday 28th Saturday 29th and Sunday March. See poster for details.

Divine Mercy Sunday – March 30th

There will be an afternoon of devotions at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 15 Peebles Way, Rushey Mead, Leic from 2.30pm, ending with a concelebrated Mass at 5pm led by Bishop Malcolm. See poster for details.

Help with the Essentials of Life

Drop in to the Melton Borough Council Offices on Nottingham Road any time between 9am and 12noon on Weds 2nd April for information for the over 50s. Free health checks for diabetes and blood pressure from Lloyds Pharmacy (to book a free health check at the event call Helen Chevins on 01664 502420). Experts will be on hand with information on e.g. home security, fire safety, benefits, pensions and wills.

St Francis School Association – Irish Night

We have a special evening approaching so please put a note in your diary to save disappointment. On Friday 25th April at Hoby village hall there will be traditional Irish music performed by Bannastrand, dancing and delicious supper. More details from Teresa Stapleton on 560657.

New Priest's Chair at St Peter's

This has been donated by a parishioner to whom we are most grateful. The old chair is now in the new Confessional in St Peter's.

Vacancy at St Francis School

A Key Stage Two teacher is required for the Autumn Term 2008. Applications are invited from qualified teachers who have proved their ability and can work well with children, colleagues and parents. Please see poster for further details. Closing date 14th April.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Leicester

An enthusiastic, committed person is required to coordinate and lead Keystage 1 and Literacy across the school and would be part of the Senior Leadership Team. Please contact the school office for application forms (0116 2857261). Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Closing date Friday 18th April.

Monastic Spirituality Workshops

See poster for details of various Monos workshops.

Christian Aid/CAFOD Count your Blessings in Lent 2008 and help some of the world's poorest people

Please hand in any donations as soon as possible.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's on Tuesday and Saturday mornings

We would be most grateful if you could spare a quarter of an hour or half an hour to visit the Blessed Sacrament either on Tuesday morning or Saturday morning to pray for your own intentions and for the parish. You do not have to attend every Tuesday but if we could get a nucleus of fifty people to visit the church on a regular basis whenever possible that would be great.

The Fairtrading Post

Are you upset by poverty in the third world? The Fairtrading Post helps people work their way out of the poverty trap. We're looking for volunteer shop assistants. Would you like to be part of our team? No skills necessary. We will show you what to do. **In just 2 hours a week you can make a difference.** Please volunteer now! Please phone Dolores Harvey on 568023. Thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday 19th April at 6pm at St Peter's.

NB No 6pm Mass at the Convent.

Re-dedication & Consecration of St Peter's Church & Blessing & Official Opening of the Parish Centre

Bishop Malcolm will perform this ceremony on Friday 16th May at 7pm with a concelebrated Mass.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim