

**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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Mass Intentions**

Fr John Linburgh RIP

	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>			<b><u>Readers</u></b>
<b>Sat</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent			D Howe P Lee I Robinson
			<b>British Summertime – clocks go forward one hour</b>		
<b>Sun</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's		Edgar Hunt RIP Parishioners' Intentions	
<b>Mon</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>NB</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker M & S Riley Mrs Bezzano
<b>Tues</b> <b>April</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's		Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week A Next week B
<b>Weds</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b>NB</b>	<i>No Mass today</i> Holy Hour	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	<b>NB</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Garrett & Mrs Pingue
<b>Fri</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>NB</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	<b>NB</b>	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>No Confessions</i> <b>Confessions with visiting priest Fr Jim Burke</b> followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker J Curley & family

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent		Fr Jim Burke's Intention	<b><u>Readers</u></b> M Frisby R Escott S Curley
<b>Sun</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's		Lucy Wayt RIP (Josie Gredziak's mother) Fr Jim Burke's Intention	

**No doubt about it**

In his book, *Sing a New Song*, Timothy Radcliffe, OP states: "But if I speak as someone who knows it all, untroubled by doubt, then people may be very impressed by my knowledge, but they may feel it has little to do with them." Doubt is more engaging than certainty. Doubt explores. Certainty can't. How can you journey if you've already arrived? Certainty degrades dialogue to monologue. It proselytises instead of evangelises. It stymies communication by making it confrontational or by short-circuiting it altogether.

Thomas, in today's Gospel (John 20:19-31) is a fine example of the doubter feeling his way to belief – quite literally: "...unless I put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (v.25). Thomas was comfortable with his disbelief because it was sincere. He had a healthy aversion to accepting the seemingly preposterous.

Many people, especially those in authority or those considered to be authorities, are uneasy with doubt. Doubt, for them, excludes God's Spirit. It instils fear instead of the thrill of the chase. Doubt means weakness not potential for growth. One wonders if those who find it difficult to say: "I don't know," find it any easier to say: "My Lord and my God!"  
Fr Tom Cahill

**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:** 2003 Robert Dickinson. (NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death)

### **Easter Offerings**

Thank you very much for the generosity shown to me in your Easter offerings.

Many thanks to all those who were able to come to the Easter ceremonies in such large numbers and thanks to all who helped in the various ministries. Special thanks to those who prepared the churches e.g. the cleaners and flower arrangers.

### **Second Collection on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April**

This will be for the Mayor of Melton's charity for young people. Please be as generous as possible. No doubt our parish youth club may benefit from this appeal and it would be good for the Catholic community to contribute.

### **Renewing of Commitment**

Following my renewal of priestly commitment on Holy Thursday I would like parishioners who are in various ministries in the parish to renew their commitment in preparation for the re-dedication and consecration of St Peter's. Fr Jim Burke, visiting priest, will commission and re-commission new readers at all masses on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April during a simple ceremony.

On Vocations Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April at all Masses the Sisters at the Convent will renew their vows, the Altar Servers will renew their promises and new Altar Servers will be enrolled. At the 10.30am Mass at St Peter's there will be a simple ceremony of sending forth our candidates for confirmation before they receive the sacrament of confirmation from Bishop Malcolm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

At all Masses on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April the Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment.

### **Garment of Suffering**

The scarf will be at St John's next Sunday.

### **SPUC branch meeting this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

All are welcome to attend the meeting at 7.30pm in St Peter's Sacristy. We are an active group and urgently need people fired with the desire to spread the Gospel of Life and defend the helpless.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Churches Together in Melton Mowbray**

There will be a follow up meeting to the Lent groups at the Samworth Centre café on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Human-Animal Hybrids**

At the time of writing we don't know the date of the Second Reading of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, but 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. This Bill is a very serious threat to the unborn and the Catholic Bishops are calling on us to act.

### **New PPC Members**

Four members of the Parish Pastoral Council are retiring and I would like replacements. If you feel you can make a contribution however small we would like to hear from you. Please give your name to Pat Lee, Chairman, c/o the Presbytery.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm with a concelebrated Mass.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*