

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 6th APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 5th	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jim Burke's Intention	M Frisby R Escott S Curley
Sun 6th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Lucy Wayt RIP (Josie Gredziak's mother) Fr Jim Burke's Intention	
Mon 7th	6.00pm NB	Convent	ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE Mrs Mary Daintith	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker J Curley & family
Tues 8th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Sr Cecilia RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Weds 9th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	Sr Immaculata RIP Holy Hour	
Thurs 10th	9.15am	School	Anthony Kennedy (Beginning of term Mass)	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett & Mrs Pingue
Fri 11th	7.45am	Convent	ST STANISLAUS Rita Macintosh RIP	
Sat 12th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Parents of Sheila and Martin Boothman RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Cuttill & family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 13th APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

World Day of Special Prayer for Vocations

	6.00pm	Convent	In thanksgiving	<u>Readers</u> Sr Thomas More L Escott J Dziemianko
Sun 13th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Fr John Linburgh RIP	

Death: Getting it right

Resurrection depends on dying – but of the right kind. For there are two kinds: one that brings on death and one that brings on life. In his book, *The Seed and the Sower*, Laurens van der Post describes the former: "Death is not something that happens at the end of our life. It is imprisonment in one moment of time, confinement in one sharp uncompromising deed or aspect of ourselves. Death is exclusion from renewal of our present-day selves."

Sound familiar? Something bad happens and we never free ourselves from its murky memory, or its corrosive touch. In a moment of madness something evil, or stupid, is done. That moment must not destroy a life.

The two travellers in today's Gospel (Lk 24.13-35) discover this. A "moment" of collective madness had killed their Messiah and shattered their world. They could have slumped into despair and cowered in mediocrity. But no! They were dying to their disbelief by pondering news some women had brought that the Messiah was alive. They were dying to their confusion by opening to Jesus' explanation of the scriptures. They were dying to despair in the friendship of breaking bread together. That dying led to their resurrection, their renewal. And renewed, they returned immediately to where they had left – no longer afraid of the dark.

Fr Tom Cahill

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for April: that future priests in young Churches may be fully prepared to proclaim the Gospel in their own countries and to the whole world.

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: 2001 Eugene Dolan; 2004 William Aldridge; 2007 Bishop James McGuinness.

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

Collection: Week commencing 30th March Loose £127.97; Envelopes £573.55; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £57.89

Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Jim Burke who will celebrate Mass this weekend.

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 this weekend during a simple ceremony.

On Vocations Sunday 12th/13th 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 19th April.

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

THIS WEEK

Weds 9th 7.30pm Follow up meeting to the Lent Groups at Samworth Centre Café

Thurs 10th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's

Thurs 7.30pm PPC meeting in the meeting room (former Baptistery) at St Peter's

Second Collection on 12th/13th 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEBT FAST

Poor countries still pay \$100m/day to rich countries while poverty kills their people. The Jubilee Debt Campaign is holding a 36 day fast for 36 countries who need debt cancellation but do not qualify for it. Please take part for ONE DAY by choosing a date and country from the list at the back of church. More than one person may choose the same country. You may fast (you must drink water) or you could give up say, chocolate or TV for one day. There will be a display explaining more in The Fairtrading Post from Friday 11th April. Thanks very much. Dolores Harvey (Tel. 568023)

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 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