

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 13th APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 4 of Psalter
World Day of Special Prayer for Vocations

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Convent	In thanksgiving	Sr Thomas More L Escott J Dziemianko
Sun 13th	9.00am	St John's	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Cuttill & family
	10.30am	St Peter's	Fr John Linburgh RIP	
	11.40am	St Peter's	Baptism of Ethan Joseph Carlick	
Mon 14th	7.45am	Convent	Kathleen Daft RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Tues 15th	9.30am	St John's	Domenico Stiscia	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Jones & Mr & Mrs Donachie
	10.45-12noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 16th	12.20pm	Convent	Nicholas Finn RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange L Catton & R Rifugiato
	8.00pm	Convent House	Holy Hour	
Thurs 17th	9.30am	St John's	Diana Box RIP (Anniversary)	
Fri 18th	7.45am	Convent	Anthony Kennedy RIP	
Sat 19th	9.00am	St John's	Anniversary of the Election of Pope Benedict (2005)	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange L Catton & R Rifugiato
	9.30-12 noon	St John's	David Collins RIP	
	11.30am	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	12 noon	St Peter's	Confessions	
	5.15-5.45pm	Convent	Baptism of Freja Eugenie Titera of Goadby Marwood	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 20th APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

		NB	<i>No Mass at the Convent</i>	
	6.00pm	NB	St Peter's	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Malcolm
				Readers Confirmation S Charlton L Stapleton
Sun 20th	9.00am	St John's	Parishioners' Intentions	
	10.30am	St Peter's	Pasquala and Antonio Perduno RIP Giuseppe Digioia RIP	

Life: Full and Free

When I worked in Indonesia as a missionary, a priest friend one day introduced a Chinese friend of his to me in the following manner: "This is so and so. He's not Christian yet, he's still free." I couldn't believe my ears. How could anyone think that being a Christian limited your freedom! Now, my friend may have thought he was being funny or subtle, but if so it was lost on me.

But his words did strike home. I wonder how many people actually think that religion cramps their style and I also wonder what such people would want to do that they couldn't do by being a Christian – particularly in the light of today's Gospel (John 10.1-10) where Jesus tells us that he has come to bring life in all its fullness.

However, it doesn't come pre-packed. It has to be worked on and worked with. Living as Jesus wants us to, leads to a full life. His Way is a precious gift, not some wearisome burden. It empowers, it doesn't unman. It frees, it doesn't enslave. But all the talk in the world won't convince anybody if we, who are on that Way, don't show its fullness in our life through joy, maturity, generosity, courage and hope.

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: 1999 Kathleen Daft; 2001 Patrick Keely, James Walker; 2002 Victor Kren; 2003 Sr Brigid Healion, Margaret Clark; 2005 Nicholas Finn; 2006 Frederick Draper.

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

Collection: Week commencing 6th April Loose £114.61; Envelopes £365.10; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £53.90

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection this Weekend

This will be for the Mayor of Melton's charity for young people. Please be as generous as possible.

Baptism

Today we welcome Ethan Joseph Carlick of Ankle Hill, into God's family in this parish. Congratulations to his parents.

Renewal of commitment in preparation for the re-dedication and consecration of St Peter's Church

Today, Vocations Sunday, the Sisters will renew their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience at the 6pm Mass. At all Masses 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 Sat 19th April. At all Masses on 26th/27th April our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will renew their commitment.

THIS WEEK

- Mon 14th 7pm** Practice at St Peter's Church for Confirmation Mass
- Tues 8.15pm** Mothers' Prayer Group meet at the Samworth Centre
- Thurs 7.30pm** Meeting for parents of First Holy Communion children at School

Confirmation

The parish is pleased to announce that Bishop Malcolm will confirm 19 young people this Saturday at the Confirmation Mass at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Congratulations to our young people and their families. Confirmation cards are available from Sr Thomas More. Please note there will be no 6pm Mass at the Convent. On the 19th/20th April we can all pray for renewal of our Confirmation.

Sunday 20th April

Please join us for 10 minutes at midday in Melton Market Place on Sunday 20th April, to add your link to a giant paper chain which is being made, in all parts of the world, asking for cancellation of the remaining third world debt. A group of us will take the Melton chain to Birmingham to the Journey to Justice Day on Sunday May 18th. Thanks. Dolores Harvey 568023.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale

Please see poster for details of this pilgrimage on 4th May to honour the first two martyrs of the reformation.

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.

Readers

If anybody would like to be a reader at Mass please contact Sr Thomas More, as a new rota will be made shortly.

Vacancy for Headteacher

Headteacher required for The Priory Catholic Primary School in Eastwood. Please see poster for details.

Human-Animal Hybrids

This Bill is a very serious threat, ultimately to us all. Bishops (Catholic and Anglican) are calling on us to act. In his Easter Vigil homily Bishop O'Donoghue of Lancaster said: "It is not the defenceless human-animal embryo that is "monstrous", it is we ourselves who have become "monsters" for allowing the exploitation of the unborn.... *Pray, Protest and Petition* your MPs to stop this monstrous medical experimentation." Please write to your MP **now** asking him to vote against this Bill.

Tombola Prizes Wanted

The local SPUC branch is running a Tombola at Melton Show on Monday 26th May and would appreciate your help. We need good prizes: bottles, sweets, toiletries, new packaged gifts and games, large soft toys e.g. teddies and similar items. (Sorry no bric-a-brac). Contact Frances on 565781.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. On 3rd/4th May, the Feast of the Ascension, and 10th/11th May, the Feast of Pentecost, Fr Ken O'Riordan will preach at all Masses in preparation for this.

Menphys Annual Sponsored Walk

This will take place in the Wigston area on Sunday 11th May. Please see poster for details.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim