

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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Saint Francis Primary School Dalby Road (01664 562891) Headteacher Mrs Denise Shipstone

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 27th APRIL 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Sat 26th	6.00pm	Convent	Victor Kren RIP (Anniversary)	<u>Readers</u> M Barson J Boylan R Price
Sun 27th	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	St John's St Peter's Convent	Mr and Mrs Walter Shelton RIP Parishioners' Intentions Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed E Keogh & E Green
Mon 28th	7.45am	Convent	Beryl Lohan RIP	
Tues 29th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	<u>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA</u> Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist's Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Weds 30th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	Sr Maureen O'Neill RIP Holy Hour	
Thurs 1st May	9.30am	St John's	<u>ST JOSEPH The Worker</u> Deceased friend	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Fri 2nd	7.45am	Convent	<u>ST ATHANASIUS</u> Mr Paul Martin RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Sat 3rd	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	<u>SS PHILIP AND JAMES Apostles (Feast Day)</u> Mrs Irene Burnett RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE – 4th MAY 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

World Communications Day

	6.00pm	Convent	Madeleine McCann and all lost children	<u>Readers</u> C McGrath R Murray Mrs D Burke
Sun 4th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Colin Levett RIP Antonio Rifugiato RIP	

Pie in the sky?

To an atheist – once described as someone with no invisible means of support – Christian hope must seem like a cry to on high for pie in the sky. What Christians hope for, i.e. a new heaven and a new earth, has no scientific basis. Indeed it can't have. At present, all that science can ultimately foresee is a frozen waste of nothingness. The heart-warming prospect of blissful eternal life has no basis other than in the word of God (Rev 21:1).

In today's Second Reading (1Pet 3:15-18) Peter exhorts us to be ready always to defend that hope. And we do that basically by showing how God has kept his promises historically and by showing that his promises continue to be fulfilled today.

Historically, God promised the seemingly impossible only to fulfil it: Abraham and Sarah in advanced age beget a son, down-trodden Hebrews gain freedom from their super-power slave-masters, an eagerly awaited Messiah comes, but in the most unexpected manner. Killed and seemingly defeated, he rises from death to fulfil his mission.

Today, God's promises continue to be fulfilled. He blesses us with new life, with freedom from slavery and sin, with the promise and hope of resurrection.

Yet, perhaps there is one other way to defend that hope: by allowing it to put a pep in our step.

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, Ann McElroy, Mrs H Dickinson who is sick, Richard Price, Jeanette Crosdale and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1998 Genowea Przywara; 2000 Beryl Lohan; 2001 Maria Toole; 2005 Trevor Daintith.
(NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death)

Collection: Week commencing 20th April Loose £297.73; Envelopes £375.00; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £35.26

Thank you for your generosity

THIS WEEK

Tues 29th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group

Weds 30th 7.30pm Churches Together meeting in
St Peter's Parish Centre

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

This weekend our Eucharistic Ministers will renew their commitment at all Masses.

Preparation for the Consecration of St Peters and Blessing and official opening of our Parish Centre.

Members of the parish pastoral council will speak at all masses this weekend about the arrangements.

There will be a short meeting at **5pm this Sunday** in the Parish Centre, if you can help in any way please come, or contact a member of the PPC.

Singing Practice for the Consecration Mass

If you are able to help with singing, especially the Gloria in Latin, please contact Michelle Morgan 857388 or Sr Ignatius 562422 and let us know the evenings that you could attend.

Visiting Preacher

Fr Ken O'Riordan Priest of our Diocese, will preach at all Masses on the weekends of 4th and 11th May, in preparation for the Consecration of St Peter's Church.

40th Anniversary of the Abortion Act – This Sunday

Since the Abortion Act came into force 7.2 million children have died and many women have been damaged. At all Masses we will bring a memorial to the altar. Please pray for the babies, their mothers and all families affected by abortion.

Confirmation Mass

Many parishioners have remarked about the beautiful liturgy at the Confirmation Mass. Many thanks to our Parish Catechists. Congratulations to our young parishioners who did the drama with great dignity and reverence. They hope to clothe the Altar also at the Mass of Consecration on the 16th May at 7pm.

Parish Magazine

Please email articles for the parish magazine to dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com or send them to 1, College Avenue, MM, by Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday Monday). Thank you very much.

Readers

Anybody wishing to be a reader at Mass please contact Sr Thomas More, as a new rota will be made shortly.

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.

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.

Nottingham Diocese Education Service

Requires 2 part-time consultants for June/ September: A Co-ordinator for Diocesan Inspections (Section 47/8) and a Buildings Officer. Both posts are 14 hours per week. Further details from Mrs Maxine Taylor at The Diocesan Centre: maxine.taylor@nottingham-des.org.uk or 01332 293833 ext 838.

Please see posters in porch for details of the following vacancies:

De Lisle Catholic Science College

A temporary full time teacher of Religious Education is required from Sept 2008.

Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School

A temporary class teacher is required to start in the Autumn.

The Becket Catholic School Wilford Notts

A suitably qualified and experienced full time Chaplain is required from Sept 2008.

All Saints RC School Mansfield

A Headteacher is required from September 2008.

Questions about the faith? Try this website

Returning Catholics, new enquirers & existing Catholics with questions visit www.catholicscomehome.org. It is an excellent, easy to use website.

"The Torch of Hope" – Day of Prayer for China

This free event run by Aid to the Church in Need, takes place at Nottingham Cathedral on Sat 10th May starting at 10am with a sung Mass. Followed by eyewitness accounts from the suffering church in China and the Middle East. Please join us to pray and express solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters.