

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

World Communications Day

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Sat 3rd May	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	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Mon 5th	7.45am	Convent	NB <i>No Mass today</i>	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Tues 6th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Weds 7th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	Sr Christine Cauley (speedy recovery) Holy Hour	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell H Webb & family M Barber
Thurs 8th	9.30am 10.00am	St John's School	Parishioners' Intentions Liturgy of the Word (Fr Tylka)	
Fri 9th	7.45am	Convent	Isa Gorman RIP	
Sat 10th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Mrs Jean Atkins RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

PENTECOST SUNDAY– 11th MAY 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Liam Finn RIP (Anniversary)	<u>Readers</u> P Dark C Burns Dominic/Rumbi
Sun 11th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Leo Gilmartin RIP	

Three little words

Today's Gospel reading (Matt 28:16-20) puts me in mind of a tongue-in-cheek invention: an inflatable dartboard! For if ever an author seems to score an own goal it is Matthew today. To believe in life after death is difficult enough. To believe that a specific man rose from the dead, lived among us afterwards, then ascended into heaven is gob smacking. At least, it should be. Therefore, you'd think that Matthew would help us to believe in Jesus' resurrection. But no! On the contrary! He sneaks in three little words: "but some doubted". Now, how could anyone – knowing that Jesus had died on a cross, yet seeing him before their very eyes – possibly doubt? What did they doubt: their own eyes, that the man before them was Jesus, that he had truly died, or what? Matthew doesn't say.

Interestingly, these doubters don't go away. Jesus commissions them too, it seems. Doubt isn't an obstacle to the mission of making disciples of all nations. And what a relief that is!

You don't have to know it all. You don't have to be rock-hard certain of everything. You can doubt and follow, perhaps even lead. Your doubting can make you seek out Jesus, until you find him.

Matthew's own-goal is actually his winning strike.

Thank you, Matthew, for those three little words.

Fr Tom Cahill

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for May: that Mary, Star of Evangelisation and Queen of Apostles, may continue to guide missionaries with her maternal love.

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: 2000 Colin Levett.

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

Collection: Week commencing 27th April Loose £155.94; Envelopes £445.34; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £44.96

Thank you for your generosity

THIS WEEK

Weds 7th 7.30pm SPUC branch meeting

Thurs 8th 10am Mothers' Prayers Group at St John's

Sat 10th 2pm Confession for First Holy Communion children at St John's Church

Welcome

Today we welcome back Fr Ken O'Riordan Priest of our Diocese, who will preach at all Masses this weekend and on 11th May, in preparation for the Consecration of St Peter's Church.

World Communications Day

The focus this year is on the important role the media plays in the lives of individuals and society. The Holy Father says that: "Truly, there is no area of human experience, especially given the vast phenomenon of globalisation, in which the media have not become an integral part of interpersonal relations and of social, economic, political and religious development."

Prayer: O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times.

The second collection today will be for this cause

Preparations for Consecration of St Peter's Church

Today members of the Mothers' Prayer Group will renew their commitment to continue praying for their children and all children who have been lost.

Parish Memorabilia

If you have any old photographs of Parish celebrations such as weddings, First Communions etc, please put your name and address on them and leave them at the Presbytery, St John's or the Convent. We hope to include them in a display on the 16th May.

Lift to St Peter's Church on 16th May

If you can offer a lift to any parishioners you think may like to go please do so. The organising committee are arranging minibuses so if you would like a lift please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Sr Baptista at the Convent, or phone the Presbytery.

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 can attend.

Next preparation meeting

This will take place in the Parish Centre on 12th May at 7pm. We thank those who have offered to help. If you would like to help please attend this meeting if possible, or speak to Justin Morgan or any member of the PPC.

Diocesan Newspaper

The May edition is available today. Please ensure you have a copy.

SPUC Meeting this Weds 7th May 7.30pm St Peter's

The Branch's monthly meeting is in the Sacristy, finishing by 9pm at the latest. Meetings are very friendly and everyone is welcome. We are an active group and really do need your help and ideas. Please come along.

"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.

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.

New PPC Members

Four members of the Parish Pastoral Council are retiring and I would like replacements. Please pray about this.

There are forms at the back of church for you to nominate suitable candidates.

Parish Website

Please have a look at our website:

<http://www.meltononline.co.uk/catholiccommunity/> for information about our parish, e.g. events for your diary, the weekly bulletin and church rotas. You can also send any suggestions you have to mmcatholics@yahoo.co.uk

De Lisle Catholic Science College

A temporary full time teacher of Religious Education is required from Sept 2008. Please see poster in porch.

Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School

A temporary class teacher is required to start in the Autumn. Please see poster in porch.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Leicester

An enthusiastic, committed person is required to coordinate Keystage 1 and Literacy (Re-advertisement-TLR2b) and be part of the Senior Leadership Team. Please contact school for application forms (0116 285 7261). Closing date for applications: 20th May"

Project Leader "Praying with your children at home"

To support parents at home in development of prayer and spirituality within the family and provide a foundation on which schools and parishes can build. Three year fixed term contract, 22.5 hours a week. Closing date 15th May. See poster in porch for more details.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim