

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

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Sat 10th	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	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell H Webb & family M Barber
Mon 12th	7.45am	Convent	Sr Patricia's Intentions	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Tues 13th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Our Lady of Fatima Victor Kren RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
Weds 14th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	ST MATTHIAS (Apostle) Feast Day Lee Family Intention Holy Hour	
Thurs 15th	9.30am	St John's	Isa Gorman	
Fri 16th	7.00pm	St Peter's	Concelebrated Mass for the Consecration of St Peter's Church and Blessing and official opening of Parish Centre by Bishop Malcolm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange Dr Riley
Sat 17th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	NB <i>No Mass at St John's</i> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>No Confessions</i> Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	
		<u>TRINITY SUNDAY- 18th MAY 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter</u>		
	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> J Dolan P Lee Daniel Burke
Sun 18th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	David Roebuck RIP (Anniversary) Chris Gascoigne RIP	

The language of love

I'm not one to criticise God, but I've always thought that he got it wrong with the Tower of Babel. When it comes to languages I'm a hard core pragmatist. Give me one. Any one. For all people. I abhor having to babble incomprehensibly on a trip when trying to communicate in another tongue. Gesticulating with gusto and giggles is no substitute for conversation. Mutually intelligible words are vital for long-term healthy relationships. In his book, *Sing a New Song*, Timothy Radcliffe OP claims: "Part of our deep social crisis is that we have lost confidence that words really show things as they are."

Part of the deep spiritual crisis of the disciples, sheltering behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews"(John 20:19), is that the words they have been hearing don't show things as they are.

Feeding on reports, rumours and gossip about a society hostile to them doesn't really show things as they are. Just as today, feeding from a constant stream of bad news in the media gives a distorted image of society, so too with the disciples at that time. The all-important God-factor has not been pencilled in.

Then it comes. Eyes are opened, tongues are loosed and words gush forth. Words, whose meaning is clear to all, because they flow from the one language known by all: the language of love. 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 Ordinary Time until September we pray for a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life and seafarers.

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, Muriel Digby and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2002 Antonio Perduno; 2005 Margarita Robson.

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

Collection: Week commencing Loose £237.97; Envelopes £376.72; Standing Orders £325.00

Second Collection for World Communications Day: £256.36

Thank you for your generosity

THIS WEEK

Tues 13th 8.15pm Mothers' Prayer Group meeting

Weds 14th 7.30pm Finance meeting in the presbytery

Fri 16th 7pm Mass of Consecration at St Peter's

Welcome

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

Easter Duties

The period for fulfilling "Easter duties" that is, receiving Holy Communion and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation if necessary for worthy reception of Holy Communion, ends next Sunday, Trinity Sunday.

Preparations for Consecration of St Peter's Church

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. There will be a practice on Sunday 11th May at 5pm at St Peter's.

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.

Mass for the Consecration of St Peter's Church

The Procession

Members of various organisations/groups in the parish will follow the Bishop into the church. Leaders of each group will carry a placard and present it to the Bishop who will acknowledge the work the group does in the parish. Weather permitting we can gather outside the church at about 6.15-6.30pm. Otherwise we meet in the parish centre or back of the church. Leaders of each group will have already received a letter about this and also telling them the place your group is in the procession. If you belong to a number of groups just choose whatever group you wish to process with. Pat Lee and Helen Chadwick will be co-ordinating the procession.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sr Valerie who recently celebrated the silver jubilee of her profession.

New Sister

Sister Mary Paul is the new face at the Convent.

The Vatican Magazine

There are a number of copies of this magazine "treasures of the world's smallest city state." Price £3.50

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.

Human-Animal Hybrids – HFE Bill Second Reading

The Bill's crucial Second Reading in the Commons is THIS MONDAY 12th May. It will increase experiments on human embryos, extend cloning, allow human-animal hybrids and remove an IVF baby's need for a father. Anglican Bishops have joined the Catholic Bishop's Conference in calling for us all to "pray, protest and petition our MPs" against this. The Church supports ethical stem cell research, which has led to over 70 treatments and cures, whereas the head of the National Stem Cell Network has stated that this Bill's proposals "may not deliver therapy for anything." Please read the leaflet given out at Mass. As time is short, please *telephone* your MP on Monday morning (House of Commons switchboard 020 7219 3000) asking him to vote against the Bill. Further details: Frances, 565781.

A Prayer:

Let us pray for our Members of Parliament who will be voting on this Bill on Monday. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to oppose the culture of death and all that threatens the dignity of human life.

At 7pm on Sunday 11th May at St John's the rosary will be said and some prayers for the defeat of this Bill.

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.

Diocese of Nottingham Vacancies

Please see letter on notice board regarding full time vacancies at Willson House Nottingham, for a Secretary in the Marriage Tribunal and Chancery department and a Secretary/Manager in the property department.

Exploring Children's Spirituality through the Mass

Lecture on Tues 20th May 10-12pm. Please see poster.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim