

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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15th Sunday of the Year – 13th July 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

Sea Sunday

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	P Dark L Escott Amy/Simon
Sun 13th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Nora Lewis RIP Bill Kinsella RIP Baptism of Amora and Honor Stevenson	
Mon 14th	7.45am	Convent	ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Curley & family
Tues 15th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST BONAVENTURE Mary Ann & Esther Finn RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 16th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL NB <i>No Mass</i> Holy Hour	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Thurs 17th	9.30am	St John's	NB <i>No Mass</i>	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Fri 18th	7.45am	Convent	NB <i>No Mass</i>	
Sat 19th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Cuttill & family

16th Sunday of the Year – 20th July 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent		<u>Readers</u> J Dolan S Charlton Liam/Rebecca
Sun 20th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Maureen and Alex McLeish RIP	

One word only

Dionysius the Elder, tyrant of Syracuse, (430-367 BC) wasn't called "the Elder" for nothing. Cunning, if not wisdom, lurked in his depths. His testy tongue once snapped, "Let thy speech be better than silence, or be silent!" A guaranteed conversation-stopper at any party! Clearly he wasn't into small talk.

Neither is God. Today's First Reading (Isa 55:10-11) with near-poetic elegance pictures the power of the word that emanates from God. Note the singular. One word is sufficient for God's purpose – and uttered only once. God does not repeat himself. God doesn't need dry runs. God utters his word and it goes forth, returning always but only after it fulfils its mission.

We need to hear that today. When bad things happen people still ask indignantly why God allows it. Why, in other words, doesn't God override human freedom, take back one of God's greatest gifts? Why doesn't God turn the perpetrators of the bad things into robots? Hard-wire them so they wouldn't do evil? Put like that, such questions don't make much sense.

We may need convincing that despite the evil that occurs in our beautiful world, God's word is still active and potent. It operates in ways we just can't fathom. Brings results in most unexpected ways. It's a word spoken softly that breaks no silence, yet is far more powerful than silence could ever be.

It's a word we need to train to listen for – in any place, at any time, from anyone. It's a word that speaks not to the ear, but to the heart.

Fr Tom Cahill SVD

Holy Father's Mission Intentions for July: that World Youth Day in Australia may kindle the fire of divine love in young people, making them heralds of hope for a new humanity.

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, Ray Broad, Mrs H Dickinson who is sick, Richard Price, Jeanette Crosdale, Muriel Digby, Michael Roach and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1998 Mary Rice; 1999 Beryl Spence, Thomas Wade; 2001 Canon Peter McDonagh; 2003 William Kinsella.

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

Collection: Week commencing 6th July 2008 Loose £110.35; Envelopes £448.50; Standing Orders £325.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Please give generously.

Retreat

The Sisters are on retreat this coming week beginning this Sunday evening and ending next Saturday evening. It would be appreciated if you refrained from phoning the Convent or calling during this week.

Gift Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to come or contribute in any way; a total of £2,089.08 was raised, made up as follows:

Gift Day envelopes	£ 1,221.14
Tombola	93.70
Coffee/refreshments	32.14
Grand Draw	582.90
Face painting	24.20
Donations	135.00
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	£ 2,089.08

Baptism Preparation Course

This continues this Monday 14th July from 7-8pm in the parish centre and next Monday.

Please help oppose new pro-abortion amendments

The government's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill has sadly received approval in the House of Commons and MPs have rejected attempts to reduce the time limit for some abortions. Pro-abortion MPs are now trying to use the Bill as a vehicle to widen the abortion law, enabling even more abortions to take place. Please support the campaign against this:

1. Write to your MP and ask him/her to oppose widening the abortion law
2. Write to the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, asking him not to allow the embryology bill to be used to widen abortion law
3. Distribute leaflets warning others about the bill in your street/neighbourhood

To check on the name and address of your MP, or to order leaflets (free) contact Frances Levett, 565781.

Volunteers & First Aider

Melton Youth Club are looking for volunteers (and First Aider) to help during their sessions on Wednesdays during school term time. If you would like to help please ring Kristi Newton on 07787 763313. Thank you.

Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion 2009

Parents/guardians of children who will be 8 or older by August 2009 please collect a Declaration of Interest form from the back of the church and complete and return it to the presbytery by **Sunday 27th July 2008**, as books need to be ordered for September. Please note that applicants ought to be attending Mass regularly.

Mass Intentions

There are about ten Mass intentions left. If you have any to request please send them in as soon as possible. Mass can be offered for any intention, for example in thanksgiving, wedding anniversary, successful operation and of course deceased parents, relatives or friends. The usual offering for the support of your priest these days is £10. Fr Jacek will be coming shortly so it will be good if he had some Mass intentions.

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 in any suggestions you have to mmcatholics@yahoo.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The annual Rosary Rally to pray for world peace and young people, will take place at Grace Dieu Manor on Sunday 17th August with Mass at 3pm, led by Fr Joe Wheat, Director of Youth Services. Please see poster.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 7th September led by Rt Rev Patrick Lynch, "Celebrating the truly universal character of the Church in England." Please see poster for details.

Open Parish Meeting

On Monday 15th September at 7.30pm to report on the past years achievements and we will be looking for suggestions for the future. Please put the date in your diary.

Fatima Pilgrimage

By air from Birmingham from Monday 22nd September to Saturday 27th September. Please see poster for details.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim