

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY**

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>Sat</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	William and Mary Finn RIP	D Howe R Murray Dominic/Rumbi
<b>Sun</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr Jacek's Intention Maria and Guiseppe Digoia RIP	
<b>Mon</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent	<b>ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY</b> Noel McMenemy	<b>Welcomers</b> M Barker H Webb & M Barber
<b>Tues</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	<b>NB</b> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Weds</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm 8.00pm	<b>NB</b> Convent Convent House	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> Holy Hour	<b>Counters</b> This week C Next week D
<b>Thurs</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b>Fri</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent	<b>ST DOMINIC</b>	<b>Cleaners</b> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
<b>Sat</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	<b>ST THERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein)</b> <b>NB</b> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b>Welcomers</b> Mrs Cardwell M & S Riley & O. Bezzano

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent		<b>Readers</b> M Frisby P Lee Tony/C Burns
<b>Sun</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Richard Casper Rita Damiano Filomena Runfola RIP	

**Faith's Strength**

I've just finished reading *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins with my faith intact despite running the gauntlet of rational, and at times seemingly irrational, assault. I think that his approach to eradicating religion is rather like fighting fire with wind. It may blow it out, but then again it may just fan the flames.

Anyway, today's Second Reading (Rom: 8:35, 37-39) reminds us of a very important fact with regard to faith. It's not primarily a matter of our relationship with God, but of God's relationship with us. That's its strength.

Paul puts it boldly as he asks: "Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword" separate us from Christ? To which he gives a resounding *No!* Neither will "death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come..." (including science and Dawkins' book?) – nothing, simply nothing, can separate us from the love of God. In other words nothing can touch God's love for us. That's what we believe, wonderfully unscientific though it may be.

And the faith we have – or, more accurately, that has us – is not for hoarding but for sharing. It's a gift to improve the quality of human life by bringing out all that is good within and around us. That's the point of today's Gospel reading (Matt 14:13-21) too. The crowds are hungry, in a barren place. Jesus tells his followers – those with faith in him – to feed the crowds.

Once the faith is present, the miracle happens.

Fr Tom Cahill

**Holy Father's Mission Intentions for August:** that all Christians may learn to be committed and effective witnesses of the life and mission of the Church.

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

**Parish Anniversaries:** 1999 Agnes Lane; 2001 Alfred Smith; 2004 James Catterson; 2005 David Rogers.

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

**Collection:** Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Loose £136.23; Envelopes £487; Standing Orders £325.00

**Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea:** £305.50

**Collection:** Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Loose £124.52; Envelopes £376.20; Standing Orders £325.00

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £60.73

Thank you for your generosity.

### **St Teresa Benedict of the Cross (Edith Stein)**

Edith was born at Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1942.

### **Catholic News (Diocesan Newspaper)**

The August edition is available in the porch with the consecration of St Peter's Church on the front page. There are also articles on St Paul; the recent Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham; John Bradburne – a saint in the making and Fr Trevor Clarke encourages older men to consider a call to the priesthood.

### **Catholic Life**

The August edition of Catholic Life, a magazine of Catholic history and culture is on sale price £3.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Silver Circle**

Silver Circle is now finished until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The outing to Launde Abbey will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, leaving the Convent at 10.30am and returning at 4pm. There are a few places left. Any queries please ring Marie on 483102 before 1<sup>st</sup> August. Please bring a packed lunch.

### **Mass Intentions**

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.

### **Clockwise Credit Union for Leicestershire & Rutland**

The Melton Mowbray office has now opened in 4 Market Square. It provides:

- Inexpensive loans – huge savings on repayment amounts compared to the main doorstep lender.
- Competitive ISA's, good rates on Child Trust Funds, Young Saver's accounts and more.

### **Change of Address or Telephone Number**

Please let Fr Jim know if you have recently changed your address or telephone number. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:mmcatholics@yahoo.co.uk)

### **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.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> August with Mass at 3pm, led by Fr Joe Wheat, Director of Youth Services. Please see poster.

#### **Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

This annual pilgrimage and national day of prayer takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> August. For information and transport details phone Kath on 0116 234 0103 asap.

#### **The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

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

#### **HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust**

The HCPT 10km fun run and John White 10km memorial walk takes place at Mount St Bernard's Abbey on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am-4.30pm. Entry fee £10 adults, children free. Entry form available in the porch.

#### **Open Parish Meeting**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please see poster for details.

#### **St Martin's Ampleforth – Chorister for a Day**

Please see the poster for details of this event for children aged 7-10, to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.