

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

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**Second Week of Christmastide – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

**Mass Intentions**

Parishioners' Intentions

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent		M Barson S Charlton John H/Justin
<b>Sun</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Ronald Starbuck Giuseppe and Maria Digioia RIP	
<b>Mon</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent	Deceased parents, relatives and benefactors	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker M Barber & H Webb
<b>Tues</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week A Next week B
<b>Weds</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b><u>ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT</u></b> Irene Burnett RIP Holy Hour	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	Dr Fitzpatrick's Intentions	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue
<b>Fri</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Sybil's and Eileen's Intentions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>10<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	Padraig Masterson RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell M & S Riley & Mrs Bezzano

**First Sunday of the Year – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

	6.00pm	Convent	Fr W Boswell RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> C McGrath
<b>Sun</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	John and Kathleen Reid RIP Parishioners' Intentions	J Boylan Jean/Lesley

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**Epiphany Now**

In his book, *CELIBACY: A Way of Loving, Living and Serving*, Richard Sipe writes: "Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible." (p.168). Today's feast, The Epiphany of the Lord, is about catching a glimpse of the invisible. We're celebrating three sightings of The Lord of the Universe in the person of Jesus of Nazareth: in the baby to whom the Magi pay homage, in the one over whom the heavens open at baptism and in the wonder worker who turns water into wine at Cana.

But, we're celebrating present-day sightings too. For example, when you gaze on those you love: wife, husband, son or daughter what do you see? Just a skin-covered form? Does not something deeper than skin tug at your heart and bring out the best in you? Don't you sense you're in the presence of something you can't name? That in the one you love and know intimately there's a space you've never entered and never will? When the mystery of another person touches you, you make a sighting. An epiphany happens and you're never the same again. You're the better for it. Their beauty touches you powerfully, and you know you're in the presence of something mysterious, wonderful and even sacred. Their beauty, reflecting the image and likeness of Another, opens onto eternity giving you a glimpse of what lies beyond.

*Epiphany Now* is what we celebrate: the cosmic Christ bursting through the earthly Jesus; and the divine light shining through those we love – and on a clear day even through those we don't.

Fr Tom Cahill

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for January:** That all Christian Churches give authentic witness to the Good News and move toward the full unity of all Christians.

**Cycle of Prayer:** During Advent and Christmastide we pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers.

**Pray My Brothers and Sisters For:** Deacons Stephen Boulter and Joe Rogan, Denis Cronin, Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Fr Philip O'Dowd, Fr John Mack, Caroline, Nicholas, sick brother, a young man who is having chemotherapy, Mrs H Dickinson, and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 1999 James Crawford; 2001 Edward Boyd; 2006 Patrick McGowan, Teresa James.  
(NB We pray for parishioners up to the tenth anniversary of their death).

**Collection:** Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> December 2008 Loose £116.76; Envelopes £303.86; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £39.01

Thank you for your generosity.

### THIS WEEK

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm SPUC meeting in St Peter's sacristy  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Slimming World meet Parish Centre  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

### New Year's Greetings

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

### Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your usual generous Christmas offerings. May God bless you all.

### Christmas Thanks

Many thanks to all who prepared the Churches for Christmas, those who decorated, erected the cribs and Christmas trees; also the flower arrangers, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, welcomers, organists, musicians and those who led the singing, our sacristans and all who help in any way over the year. Special thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, our parish visiting group and finally, many thanks to our Parish Sisters, Sr Baptista and Sr Ignatius for all their work in the parish.

### Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to Julie and Adam on the recent death of John Young of Long Clawson, whose funeral service took place at St Peter's last Friday.

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to Justin Morgan and family on the recent tragic death of his Aunt on Christmas Day.

Sincerest sympathy and prayers also to the McCarthy family (especially Oonagh) on the recent death of Fr Frank McCarthy, Mill Hill Missioner. Fr Jim is planning to arrange a Month's Mind Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Frank in about a month's time.

### Readers Rota

The readers' rota will shortly come to an end. If any parishioners would like to join the rota or anyone wishes to come off the rota please let Sr Thomas More know.

### New Altar Servers

Any boy or girl aged 8 years or over who would like to be trained as an Altar Server please contact Sr Thomas More.

### Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for bookings and can be hired for £7.50 an hour with an extra cost of £20 to cook in the kitchen. Bookings may be made by contacting the parish office on 562274.

### Stamps for the Missions

Remember to put your used postage stamps in the box in the porch. Please leave at least ¼" border.

### Headteacher Vacancy

Blessed Robert Widmerpool RC Primary and Nursery School in Clifton, Nottingham, wish to appoint a headteacher to start in September. Please see poster.

### Gift Aid Claims

I am pleased to announce the parish has received £2,397.42 from the Inland Revenue in respect of claims for the first quarter of 2008/2009. Many thanks to all who have gift aided their offerings at Mass.

### SPUC Meeting this Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm St Peter's

Your local Pro-life group will hold its monthly meeting in the Sacristy, finishing by 9pm at latest. Meetings are very friendly and everyone is welcome. If you care about defending the unborn and the elderly then why not make an effort to join us in this New Year?

### 2009 White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold this annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of concerns. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion, embryo research and unethical fertility techniques, and in recent years it has helped fight euthanasia too. SPUC also provides speakers for schools and a range of pro-life support services. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

### The Newman Association

The Association aims to promote thought and discussion in the Church. All are welcome (whether Catholic or not). Non-members usually pay a charge of £2. Sessions are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Cathedral Hall, Nottingham at 7.30pm and consist of a talk from an invited speaker, followed by questions, discussion and refreshments. The next talk is by Mgr John Hadley (Parish Priest at Narborough), on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### Applications to St Francis School – September 2009

Parents of children born between 1/9/04 and 31/8/05 please apply immediately for a place at St Francis Catholic School. Forms must be returned by **22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2009** (Phone 562891). If any parishioner knows parents with children of this age please let them know about this.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*