

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

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Fr W Boswell RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> C McGrath J Boylan Jean/Lesley
<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	
<b>Mon</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>ST AELRED</b> Margaret McEvoy	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell M & S Riley Mrs Bezzano
<b>Tues</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	<b>ST HILARY</b> Fr Frank McCarthy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week B Next week C
<b>Weds</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b>ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT</b> November Dead List Intentions Holy Hour	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	School	Fr Frank McCarthy RIP	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue
<b>Fri</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	November Dead List Intentions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>17<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 ANTHONY Abbot</b> November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Curley & family

**Second Sunday of the Year – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

**Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth**

	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Alfieri RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> P Dark R Murray Helen/Elizabeth
<b>Sun</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Richard Casper RIP Parishioners' Intentions	

**No Empty Word**

As a missionary in Indonesia I baptised hundreds of babies, but only one adult. Part of a Holy Saturday vigil, that adult baptism hugely impressed the congregation by the dignity of its rite and the sincerity of its candidate. Seeing an adult freely and joyfully commit himself to Jesus for life in public was a compelling sign of God's Spirit at work.

Today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, is a reminder of our own baptism. For those of us baptised as babies it's a non-event because we can't remember it. Its impact is not what it might have been had we been adult when baptised. However, we have ratified what our parents did on our behalf either negatively by not discarding our faith, or positively by making a conscious decision at some stage of our life to continue being a follower of Jesus. Either way, today's readings Isa 55:1-11, where God says that God's word does not return empty but fulfils its mission, and Mark 1:7-11, where God calls Jesus the beloved son in whom he is well pleased, applies to us baptised.

In baptism God gives us a mission. It's a mission to make God known to our world, especially to those who do not know God. While that mission is general to all baptised, the way we carry it out is specific to ourselves. Realising we have it, and discovering how to carry it out, gives purpose to our life – and makes us the beloved son or daughter in whom the Father is well pleased.

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 Ordinary Time until Lent we pray for these intentions: Peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

**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 Muriel Sanderson; 2001 Susan Skiffington.

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

**Collection:** Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Loose £165.17; Envelopes £412.95; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £53.55

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PPC meet Meeting Room (baptistry)  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

### **2009 White Flower Appeal**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold this annual appeal this 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.

### **Santo Nino Devotion**

All are invited to the celebration of the Feast of Santo Nino (Divine Infant) on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at Blessed Sacrament Church, Braunstone, Leicester. All are also welcome to join the 9 days novena. See poster for details.

### **Churches Together in Melton Mowbray**

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** with the theme, "Reconcile your people", starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please try to attend some of these events/services and especially the "Service of hope" at St Peter's Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, with Preacher Rev Dr Derek Tidball, (former Principal of London School of Theology). See poster in porch for more details.

### **Parish Magazine**

Do you enjoy reading the Parish Magazine or would you like it to change? Either way we would welcome some new input. No skills or experience necessary. Come and see if its for you on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm at 1 College Avenue, Melton. Thanks. Dolores (Tel. 568023).

### **Months Mind Mass for Fr Frank McCarthy**

This will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm at St Peter's, Welby Lane. Please make a note of this in your diary. Members of Fr Frank's Order, Mill Hill Missionaries will be attending and will say a few words about Fr Frank. He was brought up in Melton Mowbray and went to St Francis School. For many years he gave Mission appeals in the Dioceses of Nottingham, Northampton and East Anglia.

### **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.

The meeting room holds 15 people and is £5 an hour. Please see "This Week" above for the various groups who currently meet in the Parish Centre. An item on the Agenda at this Thursday's PPC meeting will be hall bookings. Somebody is interested in Wednesday evenings and it is hoped to start table tennis on Monday evenings shortly. If you have any other suggestions please contact Pat Lee, Chair of the PPC, on 567452. We receive a number of bookings for children's birthday parties, baptismal reception parties and also reception after funerals. If you wish to make a booking for your party please telephone the parish office, 562274.

### **Kumon**

This is a maths and English after school programme. It is hoped that this will start in our Parish Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9.30am. For more details visit [www.kumon.co.uk](http://www.kumon.co.uk) or call Yvonne on 01572 823884.

### **Enquiring about the Catholic faith?**

If you know of anybody wishing to know more about the Catholic faith please contact Sr Ignatius on 562422 or Fr Jim. Three people have already expressed an interest and we hope to start sessions soon.

### **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**

Anyone aged 8 years or over who wishes to be trained as an Altar Server please contact Sr Thomas More.

### **Stamps for the Missions**

Please put used postage stamps in box in the porch.

### **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.

### **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*