

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Third Sunday of the Year – 25th January 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 24th	6.00pm	Convent	Mrs Maire Rankin RIP	J Dolan P Lee Imogen/Amy
Sun 25th	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Fr Thomas Kenny RIP Service for unity among Christians – Service of Hope Preacher Rev Dr Derek Tidball	Welcomers M Barson & J Reed E Keogh & E Green
Mon 26th	7.45am	Convent	SS TIMOTHY & TITUS Paul Cunningham RIP	
Tues 27th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Jones Family Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Counters This week D Next week A
Weds 28th	12 noon 8.00pm	NB St John's Convent House	Months Mind Mass for Fr Frank McCarthy RIP Holy Hour	Cleaners Mr & Mrs Donachie
Thurs 29th	9.15am	School	Miss Webb's Class Mass Fr Philip O'Dowd's Intentions	
Fri 30th	7.45am	Convent	Deceased Sisters	
Sat 31st	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	ST JOHN BOSCO November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	Welcomers M Barker Sr Baptista & M Bryning

Fourth Sunday of the Year – 1st February 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	Readers J Reed
Sun 1st Feb	9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm	St John's St Peter's Convent	Deceased members of Conway family Anthony Sheridan RIP Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	R Escott Simon/Liam

Revolutionary

Paul makes more strange statements this week. Take today's Second Reading, "Let those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning" (1 Cor 7:29-31). He's convinced that the age in which he lives is ending. He's right in one sense, and wrong in another.

He's wrong if he means the end of the world in terms of chronological time. He's right if he means the end of this world for the Christian in terms of its ways and values. That has a ring to it that needs to be heard every bit as urgently today as it did in Paul's time in Corinth.

In fact, in today's Gospel reading (Mark 1:14-20) we have Jesus preaching just that as his first public proclamation in the Gospel of Mark: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Note the sequence here. Repent first; then believe. Clearly, acceptance of the news that Jesus brings as good is not possible without a change of heart and mind. And what is that news? Well, at this stage it's the fact that the kingdom of God is at hand. Later, in the light of Jesus' resurrection it becomes clear that entry into that kingdom brings resurrected life: new, full and everlasting.

When, like Paul, we believe that such a destiny can be ours then we'll look on this present world as passing, and act accordingly. Counter-cultural is what some people call it. Revolutionary is what I'd say it is!

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: 2001 Patrick Kynoch; 2003 Joan Long; 2006 Denise Lundy. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for Ann Craig and Anthony Sheridan who died recently.

Collection: Week commencing 18th January 2009 Loose £130.77; Envelopes £377.26; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £49.59

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next week for sick and retired priests of the Diocese

THIS WEEK

Tues 27th 3.30pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)

Tues 27th 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group St Peter's

Weds 28th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 28th 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall

Thurs 29th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 29th 2pm Silver Circle Xmas Party at St Peter's

Thurs 29th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Fri 30th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Sat 31st 9.30am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to Mrs Mary Barber and family on the sudden death of her brother Anthony Sheridan.

Churches Together "Service of Hope"

This special service at St Peter's at 6pm this Sunday 25th Jan, will celebrate the unity between the churches in Melton Mowbray, and the work we do together. It will be attended by representatives from the wider community, including the Mayor. It will also include the commissioning of the towns Street Pastors, who recently took to our streets at weekends, and have already been praised for helping reduce crime and disorder.

Months Mind Mass for Fr Frank McCarthy RIP

This will now take place on Wednesday 28th January 12noon at St John's Church. 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.

Silver Circle Christmas Party

This will take place on Thursday 29th Jan 2-4pm at St Peter's Parish Centre. Christmas food will be provided.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Takes place on Thursday 5th February 7.30pm in Meeting Room. If you have any suggestions for the Agenda please hand them in to the parish office as soon as possible.

National Marriage Week

Rev John Sherrington, Director of the Marriage & Family Life Commission, will be offering a Mass of Celebration in St Barnabas Cathedral on Monday 9th February at 7.30pm. All who have ever received the Sacrament are welcome, as are engaged couples and people experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Refreshments will be served and representatives of Catholic organisations will be in attendance.

Parish Magazine

Please email articles for the parish magazine to dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com or send them to 1, College Avenue, MM, by Friday 13th February, just before the half term. Thank you very much.

Child Protection Representative

I am sorry to announce that Mrs Deborah Burke, our Child Protection Representative, has resigned from this position. We are very grateful for all her help in the past. Could anyone interested in taking over from Deborah please contact Fr Jim as soon as possible.

Compulsory Sex Education – Online Petition

In deciding to introduce compulsory sex education for children from five years upwards, the Government appears to have gone back on its commitment not to do so without a public consultation. An online petition asking for a 12-week public consultation so that parents can contribute to the debate can be signed at: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Parentchoice>

Kumon

This is a maths and English after school programme. It takes place in our Parish Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm and Saturday mornings from 9.30am. For more details visit 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.

Youth Club

I am pleased to announce that our young people from the Youth Club, who sang at the National Youth Sunday Mass, were runners up in the National Trust's Green Factor competition.

Justice & Peace Commission Fieldworker

Please see poster for details of this vacancy.

Bell at St John's

A number of parishioners have suggested that we try to get the bell to ring at St John's. I have contacted the Diocese about this and since it is a listed building this project will be discussed at the Historic Churches Committee on February 11th. It is hoped that we would get a clock for the bell so it could be rung whenever we wish, e.g. the Angelus at 12noon.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim