

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 31st	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	J Reed R Escott Simon/Liam
Sun 1st	9.00am	St John's	Deceased members of the Conway family	
Feb	10.30am	St Peter's	Anthony Sheridan RIP	
	11.45am	St Peter's	Baptism: We welcome Charlie Robert Spencer into God's family in this parish. Congratulations to his parents and family.	
	3.30pm	Convent	Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Mon 2nd	7.45am	Convent	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (Candlemas) Deceased relatives, parents, friends & benefactors	
Tues 3rd	9.30am	St John's	ST BLAISE (blessing of throats at this Mass) Mrs Mary O'Hanlon	
	10.45-12noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Weds 4th	12.20pm	Convent	ST GILBERT OF SEMPRINGHAM (nr Bourne) Mr Liam Grant's Intentions	
	8.00pm	Convent House	Holy Hour	
Thurs 5th	9.30am	St John's	ST AGATHA <i>No Mass today</i>	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Fri 6th	7.45am	Convent	SS PAUL MIKI & Companions (Japanese Martyrs) In thanksgiving for a new job	
Sat 7th	9.00am	St John's	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY In thanksgiving for safe delivery of new baby	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell
	9.30-12 noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	J Cuttill & family
	11.30am	St John's	Confessions	
	5.15-5.45pm	Convent	Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

Fifth Sunday of the Year – 8th February 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

Education Sunday

	6.00pm	Convent	Fr M Groarke RIP	<u>Readers</u> D Howe
Sun 8th	9.00am	St John's	Parishioners' Intentions	L Escott
	10.30am	St Peter's	Kathleen Ryan RIP	Rebecca/Debbie

The Bits We Miss

Today's First Reading (Deut 18:15-20) makes me wonder if God still raises up prophets, or even needs to. Isn't our society literate, our Church organised, our liturgies regular, the word of God on tap, so to speak? So what do we need a prophet for? Could it be for the bits we miss?

When we listen to God's word what do we hear? Words about love, so general, saccharine and predictable that they pose no challenge to anybody? Or, words that compel us to put faces on those we must love and see among them some we hate? Perhaps a prophet could help us profile those ones. Words about God that place him way out there; remote, impersonal and uncaring? Or, words that enable us to reach God way in here within our heart? If that's too close for comfort perhaps a prophet could tell us why. Words about having died with Christ in baptism, full of imagery but nothing else and soon forgotten? Or, words of power to radically change our way of life?

Perhaps a prophet could supply that power. Words about a new heaven and a new earth on their way, but with luck not today? Or, words that pump our hearts with hope and joy? Perhaps a prophet could provide the pump.

Yes, we do need prophets: those who have heard God's word and taken it to heart. Those who are comfortable with God up close and personal. Those who don't need to tell others what to do. Those who proclaim truth simply by the way they live.

Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for February: That the Church in Africa may promote reconciliation, justice and peace as it prepares for the special Synod for Africa.

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 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.

Please pray for Fr Philip O'Dowd who died on 24th January, and the late David Firmin.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Mary Smith, Susan Shelton; 2000 Matthew Farrington; 2006 Ethen Wilson; 2007 Margaret Digby, Margaret Binks. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 25th January 2009 Loose £136.55; Envelopes £407.20; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £56.03

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 3 rd 3.30pm	Kumon (Maths & English after school)
Weds 4 th 9.30am	Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 4 th 7.30pm	Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall
Weds 4 th 7.30pm	SPUC meeting at St Peter's
Thurs 5 th 9.30am	Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 5 th 10am	Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's
Thurs 5 th 5.30pm	Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 5 th 7.30pm	PPC meet in the Meeting Room
Fri 6 th 9.30-11am	Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's
Sat 7 th 9.30am	Kumon in the Parish Centre

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to Mrs Pauline Robinson of Waltham, Mrs Rita Piskowyj and Mrs Barr of Ragdale on the recent death of their mothers.

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests this weekend

This year the Trustees have provided Gift Aid envelopes to enable cash donations to be gift aided in addition to cheques. If you already have a Gift Aid declaration in place just enter your name and address on the Gift Aid envelope. This will be much appreciated by the Trustees. If you handed in your envelope last week and are a gift aider please ask Fr Jim to return it to you.

SPUC meeting this Weds 4th Feb 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 the unborn and the elderly then why not make an effort to join us?

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thurs 5th Feb

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

Education Sunday – 8th February

Mr Chris Davies Headteacher of De Lisle College will speak about Catholic education at the 9am and 10.30am Masses on 8th February.

Youth St Vincent de Paul

Our youngsters are having a cake stall after Mass at St Peter's on 8 February to raise funds for our new group. If anyone felt able to contribute cakes/cookies etc for sale we'd be very grateful – just bring them to the Convent Mass on the Saturday evening or St Peter's on the Sunday. We will be giving a short talk about the group and its work at the end of Mass both on Saturday 7th at the Convent and at St Peter's on Sunday 8th.

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.

Nottingham Diocese Justice & Peace Commission

Everyone is welcome to attend a special event at the Cathedral on Saturday 14th February from 12-3.30pm. Please see poster for details.

Monos Workshops

Monos is a centre for the study of monastic culture and spirituality which holds events throughout the year. Please see poster for details of a Lenten workshop at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey from 28th Feb-1st March.

St Francis School PTA fundraising events

Please join us on March 7th in the school hall for an evening of Murder, Mystery and Suspense! A performance from The Oxtan Amateur Players from Southwell accompanied by a two course dinner all for £12.50 per ticket. Please contact Teresa (560657) or Alison (568076) for more details.

If you have any unwanted clothes, bedding, cuddly toys, curtains, shoes or handbags why not bag them up and bring them along to school on Feb 27th by 9.30am or to any Mass on Sun Feb 22nd. "Bags2school" will collect them and pay the school £300 per tonne. Many thanks.

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>

Ashes for Ash Wednesday

Please return your blessed palms from Palm Sunday so that they can be burnt for ash on Ash Wednesday.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim