

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

Education Sunday

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 7th	6.00pm	Convent	Fr M Groarke RIP	D Howe L Escott Rebecca/Debbie
Sun 8th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Kathleen Ryan RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Cuttill & family
Mon 9th	7.45am	Convent	Mrs Marie Rankin RIP	
Tues 10th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	ST SCHOLASTICA David & Freda Levett RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Weds 11th	9.00am NB 8.00pm	Polish Church Convent House	OUR LADY OF LOURDES World day of special prayer for the sick Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Thurs 12th	10.00am	School	Mrs Green's class service with Fr Tylka	
Fri 13th	7.00pm NB	Polish Church	Mass	
Sat 14th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	SS CYRIL & METHIDIUS (Patrons of Europe) Service of the Word & Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament NB <i>No Confessions</i> Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm (Visiting Confessor)	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange L Catton & R Rifugiato

Sixth Sunday of the Year – 15th February 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Mrs Marjorie Barker RIP	<u>Readers</u> M Frisby S Charlton Danny B/Tony
Sun 15th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr David Everitt's Intention Fr David Everitt's Intention	

Bad Will Hunting

The street-wise say that God created man in his own image and likeness, and then man returned the compliment. The incident in today's Gospel reading (Mark 1:29-39), where Simon and his companions go out "hunting" for Jesus, reminds me of that quip. The Greek verb used in verse 36 is *katadiókó*. A very strong word, it usually implies a hostile intent. So "hunting down" Jesus more accurately conveys what Simon was doing.

While people slept, Jesus made his way unhindered by the darkness to a deserted place to pray. People considered such places, devoid of human beings, as abodes of demons. Having just cast out many demons he now follows them to their dwelling. He has no fear. No evil can touch him. For Jesus, even an abode of evil is a place for prayer! That's a powerful and dramatic message: there are no God-free or prayer-free zones in life.

Back to the hunt again. Why would Simon want to hunt down Jesus? Well, he has just left everything to follow him, and now Jesus has disappeared. This doesn't fit the image of Jesus that Simon has. Finding him gone in the morning is a shock. This is the first time it has happened. What does it mean? Has Jesus run off? Is he a fraud, or a loony? Has Simon made one awful fool of himself in abandoning his livelihood for him? So, in doubt, frustration, and anger he sets out to find him. He's looking for Jesus, but on his own terms.

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.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Margaret Wilson, Rose Traczuk; 2007 Ann Aldridge; 2008 Mary Daintith. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 1st February 2009 Loose £179.26; Envelopes £445.55; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for sick and retired clergy: £442.69

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 10th 3.30pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)

Tues 10th 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's

Weds 11th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 11th 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall

Thurs 12th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 12th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 12th 7pm SVP meeting in Meeting Room

Fri 13th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Sat 14th 9.30am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Education Sunday – 8th February

Today we welcome Mr Chris Davies Headteacher of De Lisle College who will speak about Catholic education at the 9am and 10.30am Masses.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th February 7pm in the Meeting Room at St Peter's. Mrs Monica Mitchell, President of SVP Leicestershire, will speak about the work of the Society. Everyone welcome.

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 Feb. Thanks.

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 Oxton 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The youth service is leading a group on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Catholic young people not in Catholic Education or whose Catholic school is not already taking a group. We will be travelling by coach along with the other school groups from the diocese and staying with them in Lourdes. If you are 16 – 18 on the 19th July this year (just left Year 11, in 6th form or just left 6th form) then check out www.ndcys.com for details on how to be part of the group. For more details, look on the website or contact Fr Joe on 01773 852044 fr.joe@ndcys.com.

Eucharistic Adoration Rota

A very big thank you to everyone who takes part in this. You have kept the rota going for several years now, enabling St John's church to be left open every Tuesday and Saturday morning. Your prayers bring many blessings on yourselves and the parish and we want to continue to have the church open. However, we very much need new people to add their names to the rota. There are only a few names down for some of the time slots. Please would you look at the rota in the porch and sign your name if you are able to commit to half an hour. Also, it would help if you could be on call occasionally even if you cannot make a regular commitment. If more people sign up this will ensure the church will remain open for all parishioners who want to visit it to pray.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday

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

Mother of Peace Community in Zimbabwe

Father David Everitt, a priest of our Diocese, will make an appeal next weekend for this orphanage, home to children whose parents have died in the Aids pandemic. Many are ill with malnutrition and chest and skin infections. Fr David has been working with this Community but he is on leave from Zimbabwe at the moment because of the political situation there. Please be as generous as you can to this good cause.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim