

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Second Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

| | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Mass Intentions</u> | <u>Readers</u> |
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| Sat 7th | 6.00pm | Convent | Jim Walsh RIP (anniversary) | P Jones P Lee Alison/John |
| Sun 8th | 9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm | St John's St Peter's Convent | Mrs Diana Box RIP Parishioners' Intentions Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | <u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Curley & family |
| Mon 9th | 7.45am | Convent | Marie Lane RIP | <u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C |
| Tues 10th | 9.15am 9.30am 10.45-12noon | St John's St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's | Rosary for pro-life issues November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | <u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley |
| Weds 11th | 12.20pm 8.00pm | Convent Convent House | John and Christina Hyland RIP Holy Hour | <u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green |
| Thurs 12th | 9.15am 10.00am | School St John's | Class Liturgy (Mrs Wade's class) Mrs Barr's mother RIP | |
| Fri 13th | 7.45am 7.00pm | Convent St John's | NB <i>No Mass today</i> Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion | |
| Sat 14th | 9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm | St John's St John's St John's Convent | Maire Rankin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm | |
| | | <u>Third Sunday of Lent – 15th March 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter</u> | | |
| | 6.00pm | Convent | Parishioners' Intentions | <u>Readers</u> C McGrath J Chisnall Justin/Jean |
| Sun 15th | 9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm | St John's St Peter's Convent | Mgr John O'Neill RIP Mr Giuseppe Digoia RIP (anniversary) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |

Deanery Celebration

Last year, Bishop Malcolm invited each Deanery in the Diocese to hold a special celebration in 2009 of all that had been achieved since the Diocesan Assembly, the Diocesan Plan and the following campaign "Handing on the Faith." Early in January a meeting was held of parish priests, chairs of parish councils and other parish representatives to begin planning for the celebration in this Deanery. It was decided to hold the celebration on Sunday July 5th and De Lisle College very kindly undertook to host that celebration. Since then, other meetings have taken place to decide in more detail some of the arrangements for the Day. There will be six areas of parish life and activity on which the day will focus: liturgy and worship; youth; social – community events; building and finance; communication (IT) and planning. Each parish has been asked to respond by indicating which groups will want to take part under these rough guidelines and what kind of display/stall/presentation they would want to have on the day. We need to have some indication of this for the next meeting on Thursday 26th March so would all members of parish groups please contact the leader of their group (who can then ring Pat Lee on 567452 or Fr Jim), if they wish to take part in this way. We will let you have more details once we know the scale of involvement. Please pray that this event will be one of inspiration and gratitude for what has been achieved in the past few years.

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for March: That Church leaders and people in the People's Republic of China may be the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

Cycle of Prayer: During Lent we pray for these intentions: Candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Denis Cronin; Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Fr John Mack, a young man who is having chemotherapy, Mrs H Dickinson, Bernadette McGuinness and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2004 Megan Trusty, William Stuart, Simon Austin; 2008 Peter Newton. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Collection: Week commencing 1st March 2009 Loose £197.57; Envelopes £415.80; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £54.91

Thank you for your generosity.

The Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD

THIS WEEK

Mon 9th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School

Mon 9th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School

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

Weds 11th 7.30pm First Communion parents meeting

Thurs 12th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 12th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 12th 7pm SVP/Visiting Group at St Peter's

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

Sat 14th 9.30am Kumon in the Parish Centre

First Holy Communion Enrolment

Our children for First Holy Communion will be enrolled in the home, school and parish preparation programme at the 10.30am Mass today at St Peter's. Congratulations to all the children and their families. It is the Church's wish that the home, school and parish work together in preparing our children for the sacraments. Please remember this intention in your prayers.

Funeral Arrangements for Daniel Smith

Daniel's body will be taken into St Joseph's Church, Oakham this Sunday 8th March at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 9th March at 2pm.

Baptism Preparation Course

This will start this Monday 9th March from 7pm-8.15pm in the Parish Centre and will continue for the next four Mondays, the 16th, 23rd and 30th March.

Parents of First Holy Communion Children

There will be a meeting this Weds 11th March 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre with visiting speaker, Mrs Kate Tippen from our Diocesan Education Centre.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the Convent on Sunday 15th March at 3.30pm, followed by a meeting at 4pm.

St Patrick's Day

There will be a Mass at 11am on March 17th at St Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester followed by music and refreshments until 2.30pm.

Also on March 14th from 8pm until late, dancing to the Cassidy Show Band. Admittance by ticket only £7.

Companions

If anyone is interested in learning more about Franciscan spirituality as a way of deepening their prayer-life, and becoming more closely associated with

the Sisters, there will be an initial meeting on Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Convent.

Catholic Life (Diocesan Newspaper)

Available today. Read about the Franciscan Minoreneses – our Sisters.

Second Collection – CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Envelopes are available today – apologies for their late arrival. Please give generously and bring hope to people living in poverty. Don't forget to fill in your Gift Aid details if you are a taxpayer.

Lent 2009

I am sure you are all doing something special for Lent to help you to draw closer to Christ. We have Stations of the Cross at St John's at 7pm each Friday during Lent, followed by Holy Communion. There is also an opportunity for confession (except Friday 13th as Fr Jim is away at a funeral). I invite our Readers to take part in the service by volunteering to read two or three Stations. Please contact me if you would be able to help. I am sure you will all do your best to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness to help you in your efforts during Lent. Bishop Malcolm has written asking us to encourage you to take part in the Stations of the Cross and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Garment of Suffering

Please ensure you have a leaflet about this for Lent.

Rosary for pro-life issues during Lent

Our Lady said the Holy Rosary has the power to defeat Satan and all evil so if issues such as abortion, contraception and sex education worry you please join us at St John's when the Holy Rosary will be offered each Tuesday during Lent, before the 9.30am Mass. Please also pray for these intentions at home.

Parents' Rights

With the bulletin this week is an article from "The Sun", which was prompted by the Government's recent instruction to parents not to teach their teenage children right from wrong. This is opposed to Church teaching that parents have been entrusted by God with the main responsibility for teaching their children about Him and about right and wrong). The family and parental authority are under increasing attack from public policies and we should be prepared to defend parents' rights. You may wish to express your opinion to Children's Minister Beverley Knight, or your MP, Alan Duncan, at the House of Commons, London, or email him at duncana@parliament.uk.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim