

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY**

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**EASTER SUNDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	St Peter's	Easter Vigil Special Intention	J Boylan Danny B/Tony
<b>Sun</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Mother Laura and baby Charlie Bird Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell H Webb & M Barber
<b>Mon</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>NB</b> <i>No Mass today</i>	
<b>Tues</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Joseph Moore RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Weds</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b>NB</b> <i>No Mass today</i> Holy Hour	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Riordan & Mrs Madigan
<b>Thurs</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	Fr Philip O'Dowd RIP	
<b>Fri</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	<b>NB</b> St Peter's	Daniel Smith RIP	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange M & S Riley & O Bezzano
<b>Sat</b> <b>18<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	Bezzano Family Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

**Second Sunday of Eastertide – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict XVI (2005)**

				<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	Victor Kren RIP	D Howe R Murray
<b>Sun</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Fr John Lane RIP	Dominic/Rumbi

**Not seeing is believing**

Is seeing really believing? Well, in the case of the "other disciple" in today's Gospel reading (John 20:1-9) it's what he doesn't see that convinces him: Jesus' corpse. He doesn't see the Resurrection. What he does see is the results of it in his new depth of faith in Jesus as the Risen Christ, and later in the formation of Christian communities that the Resurrection brings about.

This is the two-edged sword of God's word at work – one edge being the positive, and the other the negative. The seeing and the not seeing. The seeing something new in ourselves or in others, which wasn't there before, or at least in the same way or to the same degree; something that indicates growth, that points to the Spirit at work within us.

The Spirit that transformed Jesus of Nazareth to the Risen Christ is the same Spirit at work within us individually and collectively. It is the Spirit that gives new life. When we open ourselves to the Spirit's influence we too are transformed. Gone is the old self with its pride and selfishness, with its anger and resentment, with its backbiting and constant criticising, and with its jealousies and lusts.

Let us hurry to peek inside the sepulchre of our old self and surprise ourselves by what we do not see there. Then let us fall on our knees in gratitude to God for what he has done, in spite of ourselves.

Jesus lives! We are living proof of that – often more than we realise, or dare hope to be.

Fr Tom Cahill

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for April:** that Christians will be courageous where the rights of women and children are denied and where the poor and weak are oppressed.

**Cycle of Prayer:** during Eastertide we pray for these intentions: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

**Pray My Brothers and Sisters For:** Roland Hornby; 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:** 1999 Kathleen Daft; 2001 Patrick Keeley; 2002 Victor Kren; 2003 Sr Brigid Healion, Margaret Clark; 2004 William Aldridge; 2005 Nicholas Finn; 2006 Frederick Draper.

And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

### **Easter Greetings**

I wish you all renewed life in Jesus our Risen Saviour, with many blessings. May it be a very joyful time for you and your family. Fr Jim

### **Thanks**

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to prepare our churches for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

### **Easter Duties**

The period for fulfilling Easter duties, i.e. receiving Holy Communion and Reconciliation ends on Trinity Sunday.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

There will be an afternoon of devotions at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 15 Peebles Way, Rushey Mead, Leic from 2.30pm, ending with a concelebrated Mass at 5pm led by Bishop Malcolm.

### **St Francis Association News**

Please join us for our next fundraising social – a Quiz Night on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Quiz Nights used to be held regularly by the PTA a number of years ago and were such good fun, parents (and parishioners!) have asked us to organise them again. Tickets are £5 each to include a chip cob during the interval and there will be a licensed bar. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm - £50 prize to the winning table. Please contact Teresa (560657) or Alison (568076) for more information.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Beauvale**

This will take place on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> to honour the first two martyrs of the Reformation, St John Houghton and St Robert Lawrence.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

Please see poster in porch for details of this year's pilgrimage on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please phone the presbytery (562274) if you are interested in going, as the Deanery may organise a coach.

### **Loughborough Deanery Faith & Fun Celebration Day**

This will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 12-4.30pm at De Lisle School. Please collect a handbill for details. Please do your best to support this get-together.

### **Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

The annual Rosary Rally will be held in the grounds of Grace Dieu Manor on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Fr Robert O'Callaghan, recently ordained priest of Nottingham Diocese, will be principal Celebrant at the 3pm Mass.

### **Youth Club**

Youth Club is now closed and re -opens on 22 April.

### **Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2009**

At last this is available today, apologies for the delay. It has the usual interesting articles about the Diocese and its people. Of particular interest will be an article on Fr Frank McCarthy who died just before Christmas and also an article on the alterations at St Peter's church. It is available here at £2 a copy. If you haven't bought one recently please consider buying one this year.

### **Items wanted for SPUC tombola**

The local branch is having a Bottle and Gift Tombola at Melton Show, and we need donations of good quality prizes: bottles, new games, large toys, boxes of sweets, toiletries, unwanted packaged gifts. Sorry, no bric-a-brac. Please leave them at church marked SPUC or ring Frances, 565781.

### **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>

### **Project 2030**

Are you a twentysomething Catholic? The Twentysomethings is an organisation that runs spiritual and social activities for Catholics of this age. They run retreats, pilgrimages, trips and socials. Contact Jenny at [www.twentywomethings.eu](http://www.twentywomethings.eu) / [jenny@twentywomethings.eu](mailto:jenny@twentywomethings.eu) for further information.

### **Questions about the faith? Try this website**

Returning Catholics, new enquirers & existing Catholics with questions visit [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org). It is an excellent, easy to use website.

### **The Catholic Unattached Directory**

Are you an unattached Catholic seeking new friends or perhaps looking for someone special? Why not join the Catholic Unattached Directory? It is run by practising Catholics for practising Catholics. For free information pack ring 01322 222213 or write to: The Catholic Unattached Directory, FREEPOST (DT 1153), Dartford, DA1 2BR, or visit [www.cathud.com](http://www.cathud.com).

### **Change of Address or Telephone Number**

Please let me know if you have recently changed your address or telephone number. Thank you. Fr Jim.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*