

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Second Sunday of Eastertide – 19th April 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict XVI (2005)

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 18th	6.00pm	Convent	Victor Kren RIP	D Howe R Murray Dominic/Rumbi
Sun 19th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Fr John Lane RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange M & S Riley & O Bezzano
Mon 20th	7.45am	Convent	Mrs Maryte Pauliukonis RIP (Mrs Piskowyjs' mother)	
			ST ANSELM	
Tues 21st	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Danny Richards RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 22nd	7.45am 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	November Dead List Intentions Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Riordan & Mrs Madigan
			ST GEORGE (Patron of England)	
Thurs 23rd	9.30am	St John's	Kath Tassy RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Fri 24th	7.45am	Convent	Daniel Smith RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed J Curley & family
Sat 25th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Fred Draper RIP (anniversary) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

Third Sunday of Eastertide – 26th April 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Alfieri RIP	M Frisby P Lee Gemma/Colette
Sun 26th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Canon Pat Snee RIP Parishioners' Intentions	

Locked Doors

I don't know if you're into symbolism, but try this for size: locked doors that mean nothing to the resurrected Jesus. Signifying security to the disciples, they are of no hindrance whatsoever to the power of Jesus' resurrection entering that sealed room in today's Gospel reading (John 20:19-31), or to that same power going out. John doesn't describe Jesus as walking through the doors. No Hollywood special effects here. He states simply that Jesus "came and stood among them" (v.19). Such simplicity conveys clearly just how insignificant locked doors are. So how about our "locked doors"? God's word is telling us that God's power can be with us even though we are locked into ourselves. We don't have to open them first for God to enter! Just think of that and what it implies!

We can burden ourselves with all sorts of baggage on our journey through life. We can lock out people and events from our mind and heart to preserve our sanity or our comfort. We can circle the wagons and live in fear of life's threats and dangers. We can run from life and its challenges. Our locked doors can be all sorts of things: prejudices, fears, neuroses, anger, whatever. Now this is the important bit of the symbolism. We don't have to unlock those doors for God to come and stand with us. In fact, we wouldn't be able to.

Mission doesn't demand perfection. The disciples got their mission behind locked doors. So do we: to proclaim that God stands among us.

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 Walter Shelton; 2001 James Walker. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Collection: Week commencing 5th April 2009 Loose £179.72; Envelopes £498.70; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for flowers for Easter: £197.88

Thank you for your generosity

THIS WEEK

Mon 20th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School

Mon 20th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School

Tues 21st 3.45pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)

Tues 21st 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's

Weds 22nd 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 22nd 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall

Thurs 23rd 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 23rd 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 23rd 7.30pm Faith sharing for enquirers about our faith, in the presbytery

Fri 24th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Sat 25th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Parish Survey

A member of the Parish Pastoral Council will be speaking about this at all Masses this weekend. The survey will be distributed to every parishioner next weekend.

Garment of Suffering

This is placed on the cross at St Peter's. The scarf will be taken around to the three churches until Pentecost.

Easter Offerings

I thank you very much for the generosity shown to me in your Easter offerings. Thanks also for your support in so many ways in the parish.

Easter Services

Once again I was very encouraged by the large numbers who attended again this year. Thanks to our altar servers who served so reverently and for all their help. Special thanks to Sr Thomas More for preparing them. Thanks also to all who prepared our churches for Easter, especially sacristan and helpers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, our organist Sr Ignatius, welcomers, flower arrangers and church cleaners.

Easter Duties

The period for fulfilling Easter duties, i.e. receiving Holy Communion and Reconciliation ends on Trinity Sunday, 7th June 2009.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 19th April

There will be an afternoon of devotions this Sunday 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 25th 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.

Parish Magazine

Do you enjoy reading the Parish Magazine or would you like it to change? Either way we would welcome some new input. No skills or experience necessary. Come and see if it's for you on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm at 1 College Avenue, Melton. Thanks. Dolores Harvey (Tel. 568023).

The Briars Youth Ministry Training Weekend

For all youth leaders, Confirmation catechists, Youth SVP leaders etc this will take place on 8–10th May and will be sponsored by the parish. Residential or day visitor options available. For details and a booking form, go to www.ndcys.com or contact Fr Joe at the Briars for more details; 01773 852044. Limited places available so first come-first served! If you have already received information about this please contact Fr Jim.

Check out www.ndcys.com for guidance and help in youth ministry the brilliant youth service website has loads to offer so spend a bit of time browsing and see what you can find!

Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2009

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.

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.

Lent Fast Day

We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for our donation of £605.74.

Missionary Society of St Columban

We have received a letter from the Society thanking parishioners for their support and donation of £500.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim

