

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

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St John the Baptist, Thorpe End; St Peter's, Welby Lane; Convent, Dalby Road.

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**Third Sunday of Eastertide – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Fred Draper RIP (anniversary)	M Frisby P Lee Gemma/Colette
<b>Sun</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Canon Pat Snee RIP Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barson & J Reed J Curley & family
<b>Mon</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Special Intentions	
<b>Tues</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Beryl Lohan RIP (anniversary) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
<b>Weds</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b><u>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA</u></b> Mr Bob Dickinson RIP (anniversary) Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week D Next week A
<b>Thurs</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	School	Mrs Maryte Pauliukonis RIP (Mrs Piskowyjs' mother)	
<b>First</b> <b>Fri</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	7.45am	Convent	<b><u>ST JOSEPH THE WORKER</u></b> Special Intentions	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker E Keogh & E Green
<b>Sat</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

**Fourth Sunday of Eastertide – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter**

**World Day of Special Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Alfieri RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> Sr Thomas More J Chisnall Alison/John
<b>Sun</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Luke Gliwa's Intentions Parishioners' Intentions	

**In the Wounds**

In *A Risen Christ in Eastertide*, Raymond E. Brown writes: "Today disbelief flows from many factors including unconvincing signs, e.g. the proclamation of Christ by some who scarcely resemble him." Resembling Christ means having wounds and showing them. Not something most of us would want to have, or wish to do. You'd think that the Risen Christ would use something else to dispel the doubts of the disciples in today's Gospel reading (Luke 24:35-48). He uses the breaking of bread to open the minds of two disciples travelling to Emmaus. Now he uses his wounds to quell the doubts of others. Even his startling and sudden appearance among them isn't enough to rid them of doubt. But in his wounds they recognise him. Needless to say, these aren't any old wounds. They are the wounds the world inflicts on those who love God above all else. They are the wounds of those who proclaim God's truth even when it threatens powerful vested interests. They are the wounds of those who live for others more than for themselves. They are the wounds of those who don't count cost. They are wounds that once accepted are healed and become a source of health for others. We carry them with us in life, but they carry us into eternity. Resembling Jesus means facing the foe within our own gilded Gethsemanes; forgiving the tormentors who crucify us daily on our petty Golgothas; defeating the demons of our imaginings in the wilderness of our making; and in the longings of a lonely heart in prayer before God.

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:** 2000 Beryl Lohan; 2001 Maria Toole; 2005 Trevor Daintith. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Loose £143.98; Envelopes £375.30; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions:** £40.66

Thank you for your generosity

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Faith sharing for enquirers about our faith, in the presbytery  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

### **Parish Survey**

This will be distributed to every parishioner by our welcomers at all Masses this weekend. Time will be given at the Offertory of the Mass to fill it in. You may wish to take it home to complete and return it by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please pass on copies to anyone you know who would be interested. (Also on the parish website).

### **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 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at 1 College Avenue, Melton. Thanks. Dolores Harvey (Tel. 568023).

### **Silver Circle**

Silver Circle will meet in St Peter's Parish Centre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 2-4pm. There will be a talk by the Royal British Legion. Hope to see you all.

### **First Holy Communion**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm there will be confessions for First Holy Communion children, their parents and brothers and sisters. May I respectfully remind parents to take their children to the sacrament of reconciliation regularly. Thank you.

### **Parish Gift Day**

This was a great success last year. This year our annual Gift Day will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June when we will celebrate our patronal feast day of St John the Baptist. We will also have our Grand Summer Draw. Tickets will be available in a few weeks time.

### **Deanery Celebration Day**

This will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon at De Lisle College, Loughborough. It will celebrate the many activities of parish life today and will include children's events to be organised by schools. Leaders

of parish groups please contact our Parish Pastoral Council Chairman, Pat Lee, on 567452 or [patrick.lee@fsmail.net](mailto:patrick.lee@fsmail.net)

### **Important Date – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

There will be a meeting for leaders of parish groups at 7pm for 7.30pm at De Lisle College, to assess and finalise spaces and siting of each group's display.

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

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

### **Public consultation on TV abortion advertising**

It is proposed to advertise abortion services on television, as well as condoms before the 9 pm watershed. There is a public consultation on this which ends on 19 June. The newly-appointed Cardinal of England and Wales, Vincent Nichols, has spoken strongly against the proposal (and against current advertising which depicts promiscuity as normal), and has called on all Catholics to register their protest by taking part in the consultation. Write to: **Advertising Standards Authority, Mid City Place, 71, High Holborn, London. WC1V 6QT** or email: [enquiries@asa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@asa.org.uk)

### **Melton Youth Club**

Following the success of Years 7 & 8 being runner's up in the 11+ category of the National Trust's Greenfactor competition, their song 'Saving the World' can now be viewed on the National Trust's website; <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenfactor>  
Well done to all those who were involved!!

### **New Mother General for the Franciscan Minoreesses**

Sr Columba's term of office has been completed. At the recent Chapter Sr Thomas More was appointed as the new Mother General. Our congratulations to Sister and we wish her every success and God's blessings in her new assignment.

### **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 Duties**

The period for fulfilling Easter duties, i.e. receiving Holy Communion and Reconciliation ends on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*