

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

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**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

	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>
<b>Sat</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Domenico Alfieri RIP	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	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker E Keogh & E Green
<b>Mon</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Convent	<b>MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES</b> Colin Levett RIP	
<b>Tues</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Service of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
<b>Weds</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	Bill Donnelly RIP (Sr Baptista's brother) Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week A Next week B
<b>Thurs</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	Successful operation	
<b>Fri</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Special Intentions	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell Sr Baptista & M Bryning
<b>Sat</b> <b>9<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	November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

**Fifth Sunday of Eastertide – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent	Bob Dickinson RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> M Barson R Escott Justin/Jean
<b>Sun</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Nicholas Finn RIP (anniversary)	

**All-Enfolding**

Today's Gospel reading (John 10:11-18) has Jesus saying something rather intriguing: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (v16). Two things here are surprising.

First, Jesus claims ownership over other "sheep" without saying who they are, or whether they know they are his. Are these Jews or Gentiles? Is this claim valid today? If it is, whom does it include: those of other religions, those of none? Second, the sequence of events is surprising: "I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice" (when I do so?). You would expect that they listen first, and then follow. But no! Jesus leads; the listening follows.

How should we view the Church's mission in the light of this understanding of what Jesus says? Well, it means that wherever mission goes God is there already. There is no such thing as a "Godless" people, or a "God-forsaken" place. We have to acknowledge that in God's sight, if not in ours, "others" are in the fold. They may not know this, but we should. Consequently, basic to mission is the task of making people aware of Jesus bringing them into the fold.

Then follows mission's second task: enabling those in the fold, newcomers and those of long-standing alike, to listen to Jesus' voice through hearing his word. Consequently, familiarity with his word on the part of those on mission is essential. Otherwise, whose voice will they be listening to?

Fr Tom Cahill

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for May:** that recently founded Catholic Churches may be ready and willing to share in the mission of the whole Church to the world.

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

**Pray My Brothers and Sisters For:** 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.

Roland Hornby – many thanks for all the prayers for Roland. He is making good progress following his stroke and has felt buoyed up by your prayers.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 2000 Colin Levett. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Loose £135.56; Envelopes £305.90; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions:** £45.54

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection this weekend:** For the Clergy Formation Fund

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm SPUC meet in St Peter's Sacristy

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm PPC meeting in St Peter's Sacristy

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Children's Liturgy meeting in St Peter's Meeting Room

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm Confessions for First Holy Communion children

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life**

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The Holy Father has written to us inviting us to pray trustingly to God for those called to share in the Good Shepherd's ministry of caring for his flock. Pope Benedict has also invited us to celebrate a Year for Priests, beginning on 19<sup>th</sup> June – the feast of the Sacred Heart. It is to be dedicated to promoting the spiritual perfection of priests and to recognising more fully the irreplaceable value of priestly ministry at the heart of the Church.

### **Commissioning of Assistant Youth Leaders**

We welcome Fr Joe Wheat from the Diocesan Youth Centre, to the 10.30am Mass at St Peter's. He will commission Emma Curley, James Pitts and Niall McGuire as assistant youth leaders for our youth club which meets in the United Reformed Church Hall.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sincerest sympathy and prayers to Sr Baptista on the recent death of her brother.

### **Parish Survey**

This is available today to parishioners who were not here last Sunday; please return this by 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please pass on copies to anyone you know who would be interested. (Also available on the parish website).

### **Deanery Celebration Day – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **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.

### **SPUC Meeting this Weds 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm St Peter's**

The local Branch will hold its monthly meeting in the Sacristy, finishing by 9pm at latest.

### **Confessions for First Holy Communion Families**

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

### **Mother's Prayer Group – Open Evening**

There will be an open evening in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May from 7.45pm to 8.45pm, everyone welcome to come along and try a "taster" Mother's Prayers session. Tea and coffee will be available.

### **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.

### **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)

### **Parish Magazine**

Please email articles for the parish magazine to [dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com](mailto:dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com) or send them to 1, College Avenue, MM, by Friday 22nd May, just before the half term. Thank you very much.

### **Are Your Children in Year 6?**

If your youngest child is in year 6 at St Francis School this next parish magazine will be your last! If you still wish to get a copy please send your name and address to Rebecca Price – [rebecca.price@pera.com](mailto:rebecca.price@pera.com) or 10 Cotswold Close, Melton. Please also let Rebecca know if you have moved house. Thanks.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*