

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Fifth Sunday of Eastertide – 10th May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 9th	6.00pm	Convent	Bob Dickinson RIP	M Barson R Escott Justin/Jean
Sun 10th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Nicholas Finn RIP (anniversary)	
Mon 11th	7.45am	Convent	SS John Houghton, Robert Lawrence & Notts Martyrs Sr Patricia's Intentions	
Tues 12th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	ST PANCRAS Pam Mundy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Weds 13th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	OUR LADY OF FATIMA Paul Armstrong RIP Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
Thurs 14th	9.30am	St John's	ST MATTHIAS Apostle (Feast Day) Mary B. O'Sullivan RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Fri 15th	7.45am	Convent	Margaret Armstrong and family	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Cuttill & family
Sat 16th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY Happy marriage Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide – 17th May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Luke Gliwa's Intentions	<u>Readers</u> P Jones L Escott Lesley/Helen
Sun 17th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions First Holy Communion Mass Mr Antonio Rifugiato RIP	

Comfort in the Spirit

In his book *Things Hidden* Richard Rohr writes: "Isn't it ironic that most of the gospel has probably been preached and taught by people who are very comfortable? That's almost an assurance that these preachers will largely miss the point, that they will not preach the true or full message" (p.104). This comes to mind on hearing today's First Reading (Acts 9:26-31). Referring to the early Church Luke writes: "Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers" (v.31).

According to Rohr, it seems, comfort and blindness to truth go hand in hand. Are we then to hold discomfort, insecurity, and borderline poverty as kingdom values – ones we need to live by to be members of the kingdom of God? That would be a tall order for many, if so. While Jesus doesn't appear in the Gospels as "very comfortable," neither does he appear destitute.

Jesus' "discomfort" comes from opposing hypocrisy wherever he finds it. Taking a stance against hypocrisy threatens his safety, and forces him to the margins of society – even to the most extreme of margins: Golgotha.

There may be a time for that, although we pray, *lead us not into temptation* – do not put us to the test. But there is a time for enjoying the "comfort of the Holy Spirit", for enjoying the warm and healthy glow that goodness, sincere service and holiness of life can produce. Indeed, we are called to be comfortable people; but comfortable with God's Spirit, not with the hypocrisy around or within us.

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.

Parish Anniversaries: 2002 Antonio Perduno; 2005 Margarita Robson; 2007 Winifred Bailey. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Collection: Week commencing 3rd May 2009 Loose £201.04; Envelopes £414.25; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Clergy Formation Fund: £234.14

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 11th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 11th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Weds 13th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 13th 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall
Weds 13th 7.45pm Mothers' Prayer Group open evening
Thurs 14th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 14th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 14th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's
Fri 15th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Mothers' Prayer Group – Open Evening

There will be an open evening in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 13th 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.

First Holy Communion Sunday

Twenty two children will receive Holy Communion for the first time next Sunday 17th May at the 10.30am Mass. Could parishioners who do not know the families concerned please attend another Mass, as about 25 of the 34 benches will be reserved for the families and guests. Thank you.

Piety Stall

There will be a stall with rosary beads, prayer books, crucifixes, medals and cards, at St Peter's Church, the Convent and possibly St John's today, for parishioners who wish to buy something for a relative/friend who is making their First Holy Communion this year.

Syston Catholic Church 60th Anniversary Weekend

Roundhill Flower and Garden Club will present a Flower Festival in the Church: Preview Friday 29th May 7.30 - 9pm (with a glass of wine and nibbles). Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May 1 - 5pm. Refreshments also available Saturday and Sunday.

Year for Priests

Pope Benedict has invited us to celebrate a Year for Priests, beginning on the 19th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). It is to be dedicated to promoting the spiritual perfection of priests and to recognise more fully the irreplaceable value of priestly ministry at the heart of the Church.

Parish Gift Day

This was a great success last year. This year our annual Gift Day will be on Sunday 21st 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.

Briars Big Birthday Bash

The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre is 40 years old this year and we are celebrating with an Open Day on Sunday 28th June. Starting at 1pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malcolm and former Directors, there are refreshments, stalls, attractions, entertainment and there will be photos from through the ages on display. A great chance to meet up with old friends and celebrate the past 40 years of the Briars. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – 16th-23rd September

Please see poster in the porch for details of this pilgrimage from Doncaster airport.

Parish Magazine

Please email articles for the parish magazine to 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 or 10 Cotswold Close, Melton. Please also let Rebecca know if you have moved house. Thanks.

St Francis Girls Football Team

Congratulations to St Francis Girls Football Team on being runner up in the Midlands Schoolgirls Football Competition which took place in Nottingham on Saturday

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

Parish Survey

If by any chance you haven't received a copy there are still copies at the back of the church and also on the parish website. Please return it as soon as possible.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim