

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 16th	6.00pm	Convent	Luke Gliwa's Intentions	First Communion Children
Sun 17th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions First Holy Communion Mass Mr Antonio Rifugiato RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange J Cuttill & family
Mon 18th	7.45am	Convent	Fr Charles Kane (get well)	
Tues 19th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	George Lee RIP (anniversary) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
Weds 20th	12.20pm 2.45pm 8.00pm	Convent Grantham Crematorium Convent House	ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA David Roebuck RIP Funeral service for Mrs Mary Brown of Waltham Hall Nursing Home Holy Hour	
Thurs 21st	9.30am	St John's	Birthday Intentions	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Fri 22nd	7.45am	Convent	ST RITA OF CASCIA Joe Boyle's Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed L Catton & R Rifugiato
Sat 23rd	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Tom, Eileen and Tony Sheridan RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

Seventh Sunday of Eastertide – 24th May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

World Communications Day

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	Tony Laurens RIP	<u>Readers</u> C McGrath S Charlton Liam/Simon
Sun 24th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Brian Keogh RIP	

Appeasing God

Today's First Reading (1John 4:7-10) is a tricky one. Having just told us the wonderful news that "God is love" (v.8), John now seems to undo it all by saying that God "sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (v.10). Here we have that seemingly awful image of God, as the one who demands appeasement for the sins of humanity by the death of his beloved Son. So which is it? It can't be both, can it? How can a God who is love possibly want the one he loves to be slaughtered to appease him? To put it bluntly: is there some way of honouring the text without dishonouring God?

Now you can try to resolve the dilemma by saying it is God's love for us that compels him to send his son to be killed. But, the possibility that God could love human beings more than his "beloved" son stretches the mind that little bit too far, don't you think? If God, indeed, is love, and totally independent in how he expresses it, then why on earth would he demand sacrificial appeasement? Does that not smack of hardness of heart, even vindictiveness?

You may introduce justice into the equation and claim that divine justice demands it. But is that not making love subservient to justice? And love is greater. Indeed, as Paul says in 1Cor 13:13 "the greatest of all is love". Once God forgives, justice goes out the door.

So, are love and demands for appeasement mutually exclusive? If you find out, let me know.

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: 2006 Peter Jarvis; 2007 Ursula Zolecko; 2008 Michael Farren. And all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Collection: Week commencing 10th May 2009 Loose £152.36; Envelopes £436.11; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £45.07

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 18th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School

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Tues 19th 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's

Weds 20th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 20th 7.00pm Youth Club meet (see below)

Thurs 21st 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 21st 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 21st 7.30pm Faith sharing for adults enquiring about our faith, in the presbytery

Fri 22nd 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

First Holy Communion Sunday

Congratulations to the following children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time today, and also to their families:

Helen Barber Seamus Mullan

Thira Blackburn-Warr Harriet North

Elizabeth Cavani Kate Rhodes

Liam Gillespie Gabriele Serio

Lily Green Sandra Siby

Elizabeth Hawkins Isobel Stapleton

Tobias Heatlie Joseph Taylor

Sidath Herath Marisa Torre

Peter Howe Luke Wadding

Reece Johnson Ban Watkinson

James Mooney Morgan Wright

Congratulations

To Helen Richardson and Jamie Bradford on their marriage at St John's Church last Saturday. Wishing them many blessings and happiness.

Melton Youth Club – Wednesday 20th May

Youth Club will be meeting outside Boots Chemist from 7pm- 8.30pm to take part in the Young Pavement Artist Competition creating a picture from the theme of endangered animals on the pavement using chalks. It is £1 to enter and money raised will be given to the charity Muscular Dystrophy. Year 6 children from St Francis have been invited to participate. Winners from Year 6 and the Secondary School category will have their pictures photographed and sent to the charity.

If it rains the event will be held at United Reformed Church, Chapel Street at 7pm.

Please also note that the Youth Club will be closed on 27 May 2009 due to half term.

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.

Sacrament of the Sick for sick & elderly parishioners

This will take place on Sunday 7th June, 3pm at St Peter's Church, followed by a buffet. Any parishioners who could offer lifts please contact Pat Lee on 567452, or a member of the Silver Circle group.

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 available soon.

Please note the times of Mass will be:

Saturday 20 June – **6pm at St John's.**

Sunday 21 June – 10.30am at St Peter's.

NB There will be no Mass at the Convent that weekend.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 21st June

A coach will be going from Syston and picking up at Melton. If anyone is interested in going please telephone the parish office.

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.

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.

Items wanted for SPUC Tombola

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

God Bless You All – Fr Jim