

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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PENTECOST – 31st May 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 30th	6.00pm	Convent	Bernard Durant RIP	P Dark J Boylan Rebecca/Debbie
Sun 31st	9.00am 10.30am 11.40am	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Fr Philip O'Dowd RIP Parishioners' Intentions Baptism: We welcome Charlotte Stapleton into God's family in this parish	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker H Webb & M Barber
Mon 1st June	7.45am 1.00pm	Convent St John's	ST JUSTIN Mrs Nancy Donnelly's recovery Funeral Mass for Liam Grant RIP	
Tues 2nd	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	SS MARCELLINUS AND PETER Fr Frank McCarthy RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue
Weds 3rd	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	SS CHARLES LWANGA & Companions (Ugandan martyrs) Florence Thompson Holy Hour	
Thurs 4th First	9.30am	St John's	Philip Chandy RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Fri 5th	7.45am	Convent	ST BONIFACE OF CREDITON Mr Bill Donnelly RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker M & S Riley & O Bezzano
Sat 6th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	ST NORBERT Helen and Jamie (happy marriage) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	
<u>Tenth Sunday of the Year – 7th June 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter</u>				
<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>				
	6.00pm	Convent	In thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage	<u>Readers</u> J Dolan R Murray Danny B/Tony
Sun 7th	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Richard Casper RIP Parishioners' Intentions Sacrament of the sick – for sick and elderly parishioners	

Taxi Driver

This story tells what Pentecost is about. A taxi driver arrives at an address. He honks his horn. No response. He honks again. Still no response. Out he gets and knocks on the door. A stressed voice cries out, "Just a minute please." After a long pause he hears something being dragged to the door. A frail old woman in her 80s opens the door pulling a suitcase after her. "Would you carry my case to the car please?" She asks. "Sure," he says, and as he moves off she links his free arm and walks slowly with him to the taxi. She gives him an address and asks him to go through the city centre. "It's not the shortest way, ma'am," he says to her. "I don't mind," she replies, "I'm going to a hospice. There's no hurry." He looks in the rear-view mirror and sees tears in her eyes as she reveals, "I've no family left. The doctor says I haven't long to go." As she says that the driver leans over and quietly switches off the meter.

They drive around the city centre. She points out where she had worked in an insurance office, where she and her husband had lived after their wedding, and a building that once was a ballroom where she had first met him. At one or two places they stop in silence – her mind elsewhere. Much later they reach the hospice. The taxi driver goes home lost in thought, convinced and content that he has just had one of the most important days of his life.

Pentecost means using the language of love.

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 Ordinary Time until September we pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Fr David Everitt who is seriously sick, Fr John Mack, a young man who is having chemotherapy, Mrs H Dickinson, Bernadette McGuinness, Christine Walsh's daughter Susan, and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2002 Peter Boylan; 2003 Richard Frisby; 2005 Christine Bursnell; 2006 Agnes Orr; 2008 Margaret Toon. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 24th May 2009 Loose £134.57; Envelopes £330; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for World Communications Day: £179.03

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 2nd 3.45pm Kumon (Maths & English after school)
Tues 2nd 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's
Weds 3rd 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 3rd 7.30pm SPUC meet in St Peter's sacristy
Thurs 4th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 4th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 4th 7.30pm PPC meeting in St Peter's sacristy
Thurs 4th 7.30pm *No faith sharing for adults this week*
Fri 5th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's
Sat 6th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Easter Duties

All Catholics are expected to receive Holy Communion during Eastertide and if necessary to repent of sin by receiving the sacrament of forgiveness. The time for fulfilling Easter duties ends on Trinity Sunday, 7th June.

SPUC Meeting – this Wednesday 3rd June

The local branch meets at 7.30 pm Wednesday in St. Peter's sacristy. All welcome. Please come and help defend the unborn and the elderly.

Fun Chaplaincy Morning (the Briars Reach 4 team)

Please see poster for details of this event for years 5 & 6 children taking place at Ratcliffe College on Sat 6th June.

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/Grand Draw – 21st June

The Gift Day envelopes and Grand Draw tickets are available for you today. Please take a bundle of tickets and do your best to sell some.

Please note the times of Mass that weekend 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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 21st June

A coach will be going from Loughborough and picking up from Melton bus station at 8.45am. Cost £18. If anyone is interested in going please contact St Mary's Loughborough on 01509 262123.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2009

Did you know that this pilgrimage is run by volunteers on a "not for profit" basis. Prices for this year's trip are £591 by air 20th-26th July, full board, sharing, with six nights in Lourdes, or £444 by coach 19th-26th July

(including St Bernadette's shrine at Nevers), full board, sharing, with five nights in Lourdes. Fr Jim is hoping to go to this year. A donation has been received to partly subsidise the costs for nurses and health care assistants, if you think you can help please contact the pilgrimage office on 07971 625764 or pilgrimage.office@ntlworld.com

Public consultation on TV abortion advertising

It is proposed to advertise abortion services on television, as well as condoms before the 9pm 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

You will receive a leaflet about this today.

The Process for Baptism in the Parish

(Information from the Diocese)

The parish has a regular preparation course for Baptism. When parents' request Baptism for a child their goodwill will be assumed: that their intention is to do something good for their child – namely, to try to bring their child up in the Catholic Church. The next step is to attend the Baptism preparation course. The third step is for the child to be baptised. You can book in for the course when you are expecting a child. If you have a child for Baptism or know of someone who may have a child for Baptism, please contact the Presbytery as soon as possible: telephone number 562274.

Confirmation 2010

In Confirmation we complete what we began in Baptism. We hope to have the Bishop to visit us next year to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Conditions for Confirmation

- Be fourteen years or older
- Attending Mass is part of the preparation
- Attend all classes and liturgical celebrations
- Choose a sponsor who joins the parish community for Mass on Sunday

Parents to attend all parents' sessions.

Anybody who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, please apply to the Presbytery as soon as possible. Telephone number: 562274

God Bless You All – Fr Jim