

**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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**Tenth Sunday of the Year – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

	<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>6<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	In thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage	J Dolan R Murray Danny B/Tony
<b>Sun</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	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	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker M & S Riley & O Bezzano
<b>Mon</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Ann and Ned	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mr & Mrs Donachie
<b>Tues</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	<b><u>ST COLUMBA</u></b> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Weds</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	John Lohan RIP (anniversary) Holy Hour	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	<b><u>ST BARNABAS Patron of our Cathedral</u></b> Nick Dunn's Intentions	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week B Next week C
<b>Fri</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Fr Anglim (Sr Agnes' brother) sick	
<b>Sat</b> <b>13<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	<b><u>ST ANTHONY OF PADUA</u></b> Frank and Kathleen Ratcliffe RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell J Curley & family

**Eleventh Sunday of the Year – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Readers</u></b> J Reed P Lee Dominic/Rumbi
<b>Sun</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 11.40am	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	November Dead List Intentions Fr Stephen Reith RIP Baptism: We welcome Lola Nicola Bowes into God's family in this parish	

**An Unholy Distance**

The heavenly honorific of today's feast puts me in mind of the teacher who told her six year olds to write to God and ask him a question. I'm sure he smiled at Jeannie's. She wrote, "Dear God, in bible times did they really talk that fancy?" Jesus never spoke "fancy" about his Father. So why should we? Two possibilities come to mind. First, we want to be reverential. The problem here, however, is that the language we use when "reverential" can be all head and no heart. Consequently we put God at a distance he neither wants nor observes. Love draws, it doesn't repel. So, if we call God a trinity, how can we call love an abstraction? Second, we don't have a clue who, or what, God is. This may be truer than we feel comfortable admitting. So we resort to abstraction. Now for some peculiar reason the more abstractly you present something the more profound some people think you are. I tend to think the opposite. It's only when you know something inside out that you can describe it simply. Profundity and simplicity go hand in hand, not profundity and abstraction – unless, of course, God can be reduced to a mathematical equation.

So how then to talk of God? Well if the purpose is to reveal God in some way, talk is not the best way to go about it. Example is. Just as surely as talk of love can never replace the real thing, so "trinity" can never replace the simplicity of Father, Son and the love between them.

Fr Tom Cahill

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for June:** that churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and prayer of all Catholics.

**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 Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr David Everitt who is seriously sick, a young man who is having chemotherapy, Mrs Kathleen Challis, Mrs H Dickinson, Christine Walsh's daughter Susan, and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 2007 Antonia Pollione, Shirley McNeill. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 Loose £123.62; Envelopes £272.10; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £49.86

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Faith sharing for adults in Presbytery  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

### **Catholic News (Diocesan Newspaper)**

Available today, with articles including: the Pope's visit to the Holy Land; a report on the Franciscan Sisters Minoress recent Chapter; the Deanery Celebration Day "Faith and Fun" on 5<sup>th</sup> July and the National Board of Catholic Women's protest call to all Catholic women "to speak up to support what is good and positive and say what needs to be improved" regarding targeting children with television adverts about pregnancy and contraception.

### **Sacrament of the Sick for sick & elderly parishioners**

This will take place this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **"The Way of Love and Confidence"**

A day of silent prayer and reflection with St Thé rèse of Lisieux takes place at Mount St Bernard Abbey on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10-4pm. Bookings required by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please see poster for details.

### **"In Communion with Creation"**

The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace (Rearsby Convent) invite you to join them in reflection on creation and the environment led by Susy Brouard, of CAFOD Spirituality Team, on Weds 17<sup>th</sup> June from 11-3pm.

### **Parish Gift Day – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

After the 10.30am Mass we hope to have a parish get together when hot dogs will be available (or you can bring a picnic) and children's games etc. Plus the Grand Draw at about 12noon.

**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

The **Gift Day envelopes** and **Grand Draw tickets** are available for you today.

Please **return** your tickets by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June as they need to be prepared for the Draw. Thank you.

### **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.

Anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, please collect a letter from the porch and return it by 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Catholic Children's Society (now Faith in Families)**

It's time to empty your old box and collect a new one. Please leave the contents in the Sacristy or give to Mrs Hall at St Francis School (and collect your new box). Any problems phone 565379 and I will call and collect. Thank you for your generosity and help.

Bishop Malcolm encourages people to support Faith in Families as it not only continues the work of the former Catholic Children's Society but also helps to develop new services to support family life.

### **Left in the Parish Centre**

Various tins, boxes and trays left after First Communion breakfast. We would be grateful if these could be collected as soon as possible otherwise they will be stored in the large storeroom awaiting collection.

### **Prayers Requested**

Please remember in your prayers Fr Derl Daly RIP former parish priest of St Joseph, Oakham who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Fr John Mack RIP who was parish priest of St Hugh's, Borrowash who died on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*