

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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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Patron of our parish)

Twelfth Sunday of the Year – 21st June 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 20th	6.00pm	St John's	November Dead List Intentions NB No 6pm Mass at the Convent	D Howe J Chisnall Gemma/Colette
Sun 21st	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	NB No Mass Parishioners' Intentions	
Mon 22nd	7.45am	Convent	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE (Feast Day) Sr Thomas More Feast Day Intention	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green
Tues 23rd	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Shaw Family Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Weds 24th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Sr Baptista Feast Day Intention Holy Hour	
Thurs 25th	9.15am	School	Upper Key Stage 2 Mass (thanksgiving for Eucharist) Audrey Smith's recovery	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Fri 26th	7.45am	Convent	Bill Donnelly RIP	
Sat 27th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's St John's	ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA Special Intention Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed Sr Baptista & M Bryning

FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL Apostles

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year – 28th June 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> M Frisby R Escott Alison/John
Sun 28th	9.00am 10.30am 11.40am	St John's St Peter's St Peter's	Fr John Osbourne RIP Centanni Anna Maria and Guiseppe Digioia RIP Baptism: We welcome Maisie Sunnell into God's family in this parish	

Birth of St John the Baptist

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "History has not known a man born of woman greater than John the Baptist." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than he."

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life.

His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. John is not worthy even to carry his sandals. His attitude towards Jesus was: "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3.30).

He was humbled to find, among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptised, the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "You are the one who should baptise me!" But Jesus insisted, "Give in for now. We must do this if we are to fulfil all of God's commands." Jesus, true and humble man as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. John was proclaiming the coming of the kingdom. Jesus now publicly enters the community of those awaiting the Messiah. By making himself part of that community, he makes it truly messianic.

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, Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr David Everitt who is seriously sick, Mrs Kathleen Challis, Mrs H Dickinson, Christine Walsh's daughter Susan, David Stimpson who is in hospital and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Bridget Barron; 2001 Bridget O'Donnell; 2004 Clifford Pitts; 2005 Brigid King. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 14th June 2009 Loose £143.04; Envelopes £367.30; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £43.30

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next weekend: Peter's Pence (the Pope's charities)

THIS WEEK

Mon 22nd 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School

Mon 22nd 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School

Tues 23rd 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre

Weds 24th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 24th 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall

Thurs 25th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 25th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's

Thurs 25th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 25th 7.30pm Faith sharing for adults in Presbytery

Fri 26th 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's

Sat 27th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Second Collection Today

Your **GIFT DAY** offering. Thank you very much.

Parish Gift Day – This Sunday 21st June

After the 10.30am Mass we will celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist with 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 12noon. Hope you can join us for the social event of the year!

First Confession and First Communion 2010

Declaration of Interest forms, to request preparation of children aged 8 and upwards to celebrate these sacraments, are available in the porch. Please return the forms to Fr Jim by **Sunday 5th July 2009**. We need this information so that books can be ordered in time.

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 (usually a weekday evening and possibly late April).

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 **Sunday 5th July 2009**.

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.

APF Red Box Holders

Please collect your envelope from the porch. APF returns for 2008 are on the notice boards, Thank you for your kind donations throughout the year. Without your generosity many people wouldn't get the help they need.

Your Last Chance

To let us know if you have changed address or would like to be added to the list for the Community News parish magazine for the new issue. Don't miss out! Give your name and address to Rebecca Price on 01664 501501 (there is an answer phone if I am out) or via e-mail rebecca.price@pera.com

CAFOD/Christian Aid Garden Party

You are invited to 25 Willcox Drive, Melton from 2.30pm-5.30pm on Saturday 27th June where there will be a raffle and stalls including Fair Trade, gifts and bring and buy. Price £1.50 for a drink and cake.

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.

Eureka! Festival of Science

This free family learning and fun day is being held at De Lisle College from 11-3pm on Saturday 4th July. Attractions include: battling robot arena, science workshops, climbing wall, emergency services displays and Stardome Planetarium.

FAITH & FUN

Deanery Celebration Day – Sunday 5th July

This takes place from 12 noon at De Lisle College, Loughborough, to celebrate the many activities of parish life and will include children's events and attractions. Programmes are available in the porch.

Padley Pilgrimage – Sunday 12th July

Led by the Bishop of Hallam and meeting at Grindleford Station, Derbyshire at 3pm. Mass, in honour of the two priests who were arrested there in 1588 and martyred, will be at 3.30pm concelebrated by Bishop Malcolm.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim