

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year – 12th July 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

SEA SUNDAY

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 11th	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	M Barson S Charlton Lesley/Helen
Sun 12th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Canon Peter McDonagh RIP Private Intention	
Mon 13th	9.00am NB	Convent	John and Ann Marie Redmond (happy marriage)	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell L Catton & R Rifugiato
Tues 14th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST CAMILLUS Andy and Martha McManus Intentions (followed by refreshments) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 15th	9.30am NB 8.00pm	St Peter's Convent House	ST BONAVENTURE Bernard Durant RIP Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
Thurs 16th	9.30am	St John's	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Private Intention	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Fri 17th	9.30am NB	St Peter's	Margaret McGrory's Intentions	
Sat 18th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange H Webb & M Barber

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year – 19th July 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Mary Finn RIP (Celebrant Fr Benito)	<u>Readers</u> P Jones
Sun 19th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Canon Peter McDonagh RIP (anniversary) Parishioners' Intentions	J Boylan Liam/Simon

Stretched Out

Depending on your viewpoint it's refreshing, or alarming, how certain Paul can be in his statements on complex issues. Take today's Second Reading (Eph 1:3-14) for example. Here he states that God "chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be blameless before him in love," and that has "made known the mystery of his will...as a plan for the fullness of time."

Clearly, for him, God took great care with us humans, his creation.

Two things are striking here: his reference to God's pre-creation will and, for want of a better expression, his post-temporal one. Again, for Paul human beings are not an after-thought in the mind of God. No! Even before creation's foundation is set, way before any humans appear on the scene, God already has a plan for them – and a great one at that! This seemingly quirky creation, queerer and more chaotic than we can ever imagine, progresses according to a divine plan. Here we feel the power of faith at work. For only faith can work at this level. Science has nothing to say about pre-foundational creation, about the awesome void of our pre-pyrotechnic cosmos, about the deafening silence of its final destination readily dwarfing even the Big Bang's birth cry.

Yet here we have unscientific Paul opening our minds to realities that only faith can reveal, and stretching them to their limits, and then some. Are we ready for the strain of trying to comprehend God, small as a loving father yet enormous enough to encompass creation?

Fr Tom Cahill

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Joan Mynett, Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr David Everitt, seriously sick, Mrs Dickinson, Christine Walsh's daughter Susan, David Stimpson who is in hospital and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 1999 Beryl Spence; 2002 Kathleen Nealon; 2003 William Kinsella; 2004 Julia Delceppo; 2008 Patricia Naylor. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 5th July 2009 Loose £107.14; Envelopes £474.35; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Day for Life: £262.99

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 14th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 15th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
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Thurs 16th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 16th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 16th 7.30pm PPC meet in the Meeting Room
Sat 18th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (the maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Britain), which is wholly dependent on donations to continue its work. Please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

Deanery Celebration Day – Thank you from Diocese

A thousand thanks for everything that you did to make the Day such a great success. All your hard work in creating the wonderful variety of superb displays and staging immensely enjoyable performances and activities was greatly appreciated by everyone. The crowning glory was the moving Closing Liturgy, when we assembled together to thank and praise God and seek His blessing and guidance for our future endeavours. The day showed that our parishes are very much alive and we have great hope for the future of the church.

Sisters' Retreat

The Sisters will be on retreat from Tuesday 14th July until Tuesday 21st July and will be grateful if there are no telephone calls or calls to the Convent at this time.

Holidays

I hope you will be able to get away for a few days rest and I wish you all a very happy and restful holiday. Fr Jacek will be coming again this year while Fr Jim is on holiday and will arrive in Melton on the 21st or 22nd July.

Your Petitions for Lourdes

Fr Jim will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage on the 20th July, if you have any special intentions please place them in an envelope marked "Lourdes Intentions".

Franciscan Family Events – 800th Anniversary

If you happen to be in Flintshire on 17th-19th July, the "Little Portion" Prayer Festival takes place at the Franciscan Friary Retreat Centre, Monastery Road, Pantasaph, Holywell, CH8 8PE. Tel 01352 711053 Please see poster for other events. Note especially the flower festival, Convent Chapel, Melton 3rd-5th October

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Tues and Saturday

This will end on Tuesday 21st July and will restart on Tuesday 8th September. The church will be open on

Tuesdays for a short while for private visits and possibly Saturday mornings, particularly during confessions.

OGFest 2009 – 20th-23rd July

An open retreat at The Briars for those who have just finished Year 11 and over. (Cost £70). The perfect way to make new friends, explore your faith and celebrate with young people from all over the country. Go to www.ndcys.com to download a booking form.

Briars Open Day

In blazing sun over 500 people gathered for Mass and entertainment and attractions. It was a great celebration of the past 40 years. Thanks to all who supported the event and bought raffle tickets for the grand draw.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage

Please see poster in porch for details about this pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 25th July.

Jesus Youth presents "Rexband" Sunrise Tour

Please see poster for details of a concert at the Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester on 21st August.

"Paving the Way" Magazine available in the porch

This magazine looks at the causes for sainthood being considered today. As well as familiar causes such as John Paul II and Mother Teresa, it looks at the lives of lesser known men, women and children. Price £3.50.

Confirmation 2010

If you know of any Catholics in non-Catholic schools please encourage them to join our Confirmation programme and apply so arrangements can be made to start preparation in the autumn. Please also encourage them to attend Mass and what a privilege it is.

Results of Parish Survey

This is available today. Thank you for taking part in this. It gives me a wonderful opportunity to know what you think about the parish. Special thanks to members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Fr Jim.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays

One of the watchers has left the parish so we are in need of somebody to watch from 10.45-11am, praying before the Blessed Sacrament. One need not say much to pray well. We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle, let us open our hearts to him and let us rejoice in his presence with us. That is the best prayer.

Mass Intentions

There are no Mass Intentions left for Fr Jacek, so if you would like him to offer Mass for your Intentions, e.g. wedding anniversary, thanksgiving for exam success, anniversary of deceased relative etc, please contact him and he will offer Mass for you while he is here. Thanks.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim