

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 18th	6.00pm	Convent	Mary Finn RIP (Celebrant Fr Benito)	P Jones J Boylan Liam/Simon
Sun 19th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Canon Peter McDonagh RIP (anniversary) Parishioners' Intentions	
Mon 20th	9.00am	Convent	NB Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 20th-26th July <i>No Mass today (Sisters on retreat until 21st July)</i>	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange H Webb & M Barber
Tues 21st	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Weds 22nd	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	ST MARY MAGDALENE <i>No Mass today</i> Holy Hour	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
Thurs 23rd	9.30am	St John's	ST BRIDGET (Patron of Europe) Margaret Mary Money RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Fri 24th	9.00am 1.30pm	Convent NB St John's	Sr. Columba's Intentions (Feast Day) Nuptial Mass for Alison Richardson and David Norris	
Sat 25th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	ST JAMES (Apostle) Philip Roebuck RIP NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed M & S Riley & O Bezzano
<u>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year – 26th July 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter</u>				
	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	<u>Readers</u> C McGrath R Murray Rebecca/Debbie
Sun 26th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Charles Horan RIP Fr Jacek's Intentions	

Silence

In *The World of Silence*, Max Picard writes, "And yet sometimes all the noise of the world today seems like the mere buzzing of insects on the broad back of silence." There's something substantial about silence. Often people describe it as "heavy". Silence is formidable, even intimidating, if you're not friendly with it. But to be friendly with *it*, first you have to be friendly with *you*. One way of finding out if you are, is to go off to a lonely spot and see how long you can stay there before unease sets in.

How many people follow Jesus' advice to his disciples in today's Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) to go to a deserted place for peace and quiet? Are they not more inclined to go to a noisy holiday resort where there's lots of action, lots of people, lots of things to do to fill the gap, lots of ways to forget oneself? Is there not something desperate about having to have a good time and worse yet to feel obliged to say you had, even though you may not have had?

Getting used to silent, solitary periods to relax, to refresh our spirit and take stock of our life is worthwhile. It helps us to think about important things that in the normal course of a day we rarely think of. Things like: life and its purpose, values we live by, people we hold precious, ambitions that drive us, and the place we give to God in our life.

Silence is necessary not for finding answers but for finding questions.

Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for July: that the Church may be the nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in the one family of God.

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, 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 Thomas Wade; 2001 Canon Peter McDonagh; 2003 Thomas Barrett. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 12 July 2009: Loose £147.57; Envelopes £521.70; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea: £316.96

THIS WEEK

Tues 21st 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 22nd 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 23rd 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 23rd 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Sat 25th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Congratulations

To Alison Richardson and David Norris who will be married at St John's this Friday 24th July at 1pm.

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 22 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".

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 after Mass and Saturday, during confessions.

Thanks for anonymous donation

Thank you to the person who anonymously donated £300 to the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. God bless you for your generosity.

Government consultation on sex education

After much evasion the Government has kept its promise to consult the public on this. The deadline for responding is **24 July**. Family Education Trust urges us all to send in our views. You can do so online at www.qca.org.uk/qca_22256.aspx and follow the link on the consultation home page. If you have no internet ring Family Education Trust on 020 8894 2525 and ask for a questionnaire and a briefing. The briefing is helpful if you are responding online too.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage

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

The Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The annual Rosary Rally to pray for world peace and young people takes place at Grace Dieu Manor on Sunday 16th Aug with Mass at 3pm. Please see poster.

Jesus Youth presents "Rexband" Sonrise Tour

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

Parish Open Evening

Our annual parish open evening will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Items that came up in the parish survey will form the agenda for this meeting.

Relics of St Therese visit England & Wales

As has been announced previously, the relics of St Therese will be in England between the 16th September and 15th October, including Nottingham Cathedral from 5th-6th October. Further details later. Useful websites:

www.catholicrelics.co.uk and

www.thereseoflisieux.co.org

Relics are simply remains of the body such as bones, which still exist. Veneration of relics is an old Catholic devotion. It's very like the notion of visiting the grave of a loved one and praying there. Please remember to pray for many blessings on the occasion of this visit.

Franciscan Family Events – 800th Anniversary

Please see details of these events on the poster in the porch. Note especially the flower festival at the Convent Chapel, Melton on 3rd-5th October.

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.

"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.

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