

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year – 26th July 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 25th	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	C McGrath R Murray Rebecca/Debbie
Sun 26th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Charles Horan RIP Mrs Melnyckj's Intentions (Liam)	
Mon 27th	9.00am	NB Convent	Mrs Melnyckj's Intentions (Liam)	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed M & S Riley & O Bezzano
Tues 28th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's	Howe Family Intentions NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Loj Mrs Curley
Weds 29th	6.00pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	ST MARTHA Holy Hour	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Thurs 30th	9.30am	St John's		
Fri 31st	9.00am	NB Convent	ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA Sr. Ignatius's Intentions (Feast Day)	
Sat 1st	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	ST ALPHONSUS LIGOURI NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker J Curley & family

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year – 2nd August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent		<u>Readers</u> P Dark
Sun 2nd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary	J Boylan Liam/Simon

In need of friends

Someone once pointed out that the best time to make friends is before you need them. Paul's passionate plea for unity in today's Second Reading (Eph 4:1-6) is a reminder of that fact. Paul, of course, doesn't package his plea in such self-serving terms. However, in its own street-wise fashion the remark is true. Unity is good, disunity is not. It's as simple as that.

Paul uses language here that many people, particularly men perhaps, may find difficult to identify with in terms of relating to others. He pleads for "humility", "gentleness", "patience" and that awful thing called "love". In an age when, in the name of so-called entertainment, we are bombarded with images of just the opposite of these – anger, hate, violence and abuse – we might be pardoned for wondering which is the norm in life: humility or arrogance, gentleness or aggression, patience or frenzy, love or hate. A constant diet of grim actors on TV, and on the big screen, aping antisocial antics as if life consisted of never-ending rows fuelled by mindless jealousy can result in a build-up of bile.

So, whether we suffer from indigestion or not is up to us. Which do we want: to be hurtful or helpful, coarse or courteous, aggressive or friendly? Those who feed on anger, hate and violence are no strangers to fear. These take more out of us than they give. It's the caring, the friendship and the love that makes life pleasant and fulfilling.

Ask any angry, jealous and friendless role model you can find.

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, Teresa Tierney, Jackie Price and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2000 Barbara Reece. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 19th July 2009: Loose £170.47; Envelopes £314.50; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £35.24

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 28th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 29th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 30th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 30th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 30th 7.30pm SVP meet in Meeting Room
Sat 1st 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

Welcome

We welcome Fr Jacek who will be with us while Fr Jim is away on holiday.

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.

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage – 6th–12th September 2009

Please see poster in porch for details of this pilgrimage.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is for couples who have happy marriages and gives them time to look at their relationship. It's an **enrichment** experience. The next Weekend will be at the IBIS Hotel, Chesterfield, from Friday evening 18th to Sunday afternoon 20th September. Please see the website for more information, www.wwme.org.uk

Diocesan Living Ministry Course – Starts Sept 2009

The course is for all adults interested in exploring their faith and also for those involved in areas of ministry such as teachers, catechists, Eucharistic ministers, parish pastoral councils, youth workers etc. It will provide an opportunity to explore and reflect on questions of faith and belief. The course will be offered from two venues: The Diocesan Centre, Mackworth, Derby and The Old St Peter and Paul Presbytery, Lincoln. If interested please contact the presbytery for details and application form.

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 10.45-11.15am, 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. Please contact the presbytery if you are able to help.

"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.

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Colette Burns is our new representative, we wish her all the best and we thank Mrs Debbie Burke for all the work she has done over the past few years.

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.

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.