

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 1st Aug	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	P Dark J Boylan Danny B/Tony
Sun 2nd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary Michael Green (for a successful recovery)	
Mon 3rd	9.00am	NB Convent	Irene and Charles Horan RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker J Curley & family
Tues 4th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Fr Jacek's Intentions NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett & Mrs Pingue
Weds 5th	6.00pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	Fr Jacek's Intentions Holy Hour	
Thurs 6th First	9.30am	St John's	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Chadwick Family Intentions	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Fri 7th	9.00am	NB Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	
Sat 8th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell E Keogh & E Green

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year – 9th August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	<u>Readers</u> J Dolan R Murray Dominic/Rumbi
Sun 9th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	For God's blessing for the Platkiw family Maureen and Alex McLeish RIP	

The New Self

Thomas Merton wrote in *Contemplation in a World of Action*: "The new man is not just the old man in possession of a legal certificate entitling him to a reward." That's not the "new self" Paul refers to in today's Second Reading (Eph 4:17, 20-24). So, what is it?

First, what it isn't. It isn't living as the Gentiles live "in the futility of their minds." In other words, it's not living as if you only had your own mind to depend on. Using only that to comprehend life is futile. It's a dead end trip. Removed from the light of God's word the human mind becomes dark, the human heart becomes hard, and human behaviour degenerates into debauchery. Paul wasn't warning about what might happen, he was describing what already had happened.

Were we to think that reason reigns supreme – pristine and pure – and confine ourselves to its limits deprived of the light of God's word, and the power of his Spirit, would our understanding and behaviour not deteriorate too? Could we even speak of deterioration of behaviour at all? For if nothing greater than a mind exists, who's to say that yours is any better than mine? My mind, not yours, sets my standards. As Hamlet says, "There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so" – my thinking, that is.

The new self, however, recognises that God sets the standards and it lives by them "in true righteousness and holiness."
The new man, the new self, is the one who is righteous and holy before God. Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for August: that persecuted Christians may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognised.

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: 2001 Alfred Smith; 2004 James Catterson. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 26th July 2009: Loose £177.63; Envelopes £370.52; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £50.27

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 4th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 5th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 6th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 6th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Sat 8th 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

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. Please contact Frances on 565781 if you would like a lift

Jesus Youth presents "Rexband" Sunrise Tour

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

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.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 6th September. Led by H.E Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. "Celebrating the truly universal character of the Church in England." Please see poster for more details.

Fatima Pilgrimage – 6th–12th September 2009

Please see poster in porch for details of this pilgrimage.

Calling All Golfers- Your help is required

SVP National Golf day on Thursday 10th September at the magnificent Kilworth Springs Golf Course Nr Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

All proceeds go to support the St Vincent de Paul Society and Conferences in helping the vulnerable and disadvantaged. More and more individuals and families in need are turning to the SVP Conferences nationwide for help during this current recession and all funds and donations raised at the golf day will go towards helping the poor. **Non golfers who wish to join us for dinner are also welcome and can join in the Tombola and Auctions during the evening. Booking forms and more information contact:** Richard Hanna: email richardhanna1@hotmail.co.uk (mob: 07938519203) or Terry Joyce: email teljoy1@aol.com.

The Way of Confidence and Love

To prepare for the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, this will take place at St Patrick's Church Hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester on Saturday 12th September, led by Fr Vincent O'Hara.

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.wvme.org.uk

Holistic Care Towards the End of Life

Leicester SPUC and LIFE groups are organising this half day conference on Saturday 26th September from 1.45-4.30pm at St Thomas More's Church, Knighton Road, Stonegate, Leicester. No admission charge but places limited so booking recommended. See poster in porch.

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.

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.

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

If you would like Fr Jacek to offer Mass for your Intentions please let him know and he will offer Mass for you while he is here. Thanks.