

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Twentieth Sunday of the Year – 16th August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 15th	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	J Reed P Lee Gemma/Colette
Sun 16th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Antonio Marraffino RIP Antonio Rifugiato RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Mon 17th	9.00am	NB Convent	Sybil Jones Intention	
Tues 18th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Bernadette Elliott RIP NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<u>Cleaners</u> Mr & Mrs Donachie
Weds 19th	6.00pm 8.00pm	NB Convent Convent House	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Holy Hour	
Thurs 20th	9.30am	St John's	ST BERNARD (Abbot) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	<u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A
Fri 21st	9.00am	NB Convent	ST PIUS X (Pope) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Sat 22nd	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed J Cuttill & family

Twenty first Sunday of the Year – 23rd August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

OUR LADY Queen

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	D Howe
Sun 23rd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Martin Smith Matylde and Antonino Digioia	J Chisnall Alison/John

Inside Out

Teilhard de Chardin wrote in *Hymn of the Universe*, "Continue to regard man as an accidental out-growth or sport of nature and you will drive him into a state of disgust or revolt which, if it became general, would mean the definitive stoppage of life on earth." That's a crucial comment.

If we deny the reality of things we don't have empirical evidence for, are we not confining human intelligence within narrow parameters? When a physicist predicts the existence of a sub-atomic particle using a mathematical formula but has to wait until someone empirically establishes its existence before he receives the Nobel Prize, that doesn't mean he was talking through his mathematical hat until then. He was correct, but no one could prove it outside of maths.

Something similar applies to Mary's assumption. Using a faith formula the Church teaches, "We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." (#44 Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*). However, there the analogy ends. There's no way to empirically establish the truth of that statement short of a Marian apparition to confirm it. Even then, doubting Thomases would abound.

Today's feast reminds me of what Richard Rohr states in *Things Hidden*: "Spirituality basically teaches us that the inside of things is bigger than the outside." There's more to life than meets the eye. I hope that's not an assumption equally difficult to accept.

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: John O'Donnell RIP, John Geady, 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: 2002 Kathleen Nealon; 2003 Jaduida Zagrooba; 2006 Leonie Warr. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 9th August 2009: Loose £135.91; Envelopes £366.90; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £47.76

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Tues 18th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 19th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 20th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 20th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Sat 22nd 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

From Fr Jacek

My presence in Melton Mowbray is again coming to an end. Thanks very much to your Parish Priest – Fr. Jim, for inviting me here, his trust in me and for leaving me everything I needed to feel comfortable during my stay. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during my visit. I have experienced goodness and kindness in the presbytery, in the Convent, in your churches and wherever I was. I am especially grateful to the sisters for their hospitality. Thanks very much for the wonderful year I have had in your parish. May God bless you all in your efforts and in your joys and give you his support during difficult times. I will keep you in my prayers.

I will be celebrating my name day this Sunday 16th August at 7pm at the Polish Club and everyone is very welcome to come. Please bring a shared plate and I will provide Polish cakes for you to try.

The Catholic News (Diocesan Newspaper)

Available today with articles including: St Paul's Catholic School's performance of The Parables of Jesus; the Vatican's tests on fragments from St Paul's tomb and the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham in June.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for bookings and can be hired for £7.50 an hour with an extra cost of £20 to cook in the kitchen. Bookings may be made by contacting the parish office on 562274.

Jesus Youth presents "Rexband" Sonrise Tour

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

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.

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage – 6th–12th September 2009

Please see poster in porch for details of this pilgrimage.

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.wwme.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, Stoneygate, 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.

Oberammergau Passion Play July 2010

Please see poster in porch for details of this trip.