

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY**

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St John the Baptist, Thorpe End; St Peter's, Welby Lane; Convent, Dalby Road.

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**Twenty second Sunday of the Year – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>		<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent		Golden Wedding Anniversary Intentions (Mr & Mrs Dark)	M Frisby R Escott Justin/Jean
<b>Sun</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's		Parishioners' Intentions Bernard Durant RIP	
<b>Mon</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent		<b>ST AIDAN &amp; SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE</b> Sr Carol, for better health	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker L Catton & R Rifugiato
<b>Tues</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments)	St John's		Kathleen Nealon RIP	
<b>Sept</b>	10.45-12noon	St John's	<b>NB</b>	<i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
<b>Weds</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am 8.00pm	<b>NB</b> Convent Convent House		Sr Baptista's Intention Holy Hour	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's		<b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT (Apostle of England)</b> Jean & Tony Garrett (Retirement Intentions)	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week B Next week C
<b>Fri</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent		<b>ST CUTHBERT</b> Sr Maria's Intentions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	<b>NB</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY</b> Parishioners' Intentions (Durant family) <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker H Webb & M Barber

**Twenty third Sunday of the Year – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent		Parishioners' Intentions	
<b>Sun</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm	St John's St Peter's Convent		Private Intention Cecilia Townend RIP Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Readers</u></b> Sr T More L Escott Lesley/Helen

**Give and Take**

To paraphrase Benjamin Disraeli: There are rules, damned rules and commandments. Whatever about the rules, damned or otherwise, the commandments must be observed diligently according to today's First Reading (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8). Doing so shows wisdom and discernment (v 6). What a pleasant and peaceful way of looking at someone else's orders to you! Not characteristic of today's ethos. I wonder what goes wrong to give the impression that God's commandments are burdens to be borne, better yet ignored, rather than gifts to be cherished.

Why do some people worship money, power and sex instead of the one true God? Why can't they see the tyranny that servitude to these produces? Why can't they see the freedom that having only the one true God in one's life endows? And why can't they see God's commandments as guiding lights to help them travel life's convoluted course in safety? There are so many "whys".

God created us to live in community. At family level community living calls for give and take. If members make demands regardless of how it affects others, then the quality of life degrades. If all are equally demanding, then you have a dysfunctional family.

At world level, community living also calls for give and take: individually, collectively and nationally. God's commandments wise us up to the need for justice, generosity, and respect for all people. They help us to adapt to life out there in the real world. They prevent us from expecting that life adapt to us. That's why many don't like them. But if we didn't have them, would we not have to invent them?

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, Mrs Joan Robertson, Don Hall and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** Fr Brian Bergin (former assistant priest of our parish); 1999 Margaret Molloy; 2002 Jo Mechan; 2008 Muriel Digby. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009: Loose £135.21; Envelopes £365.92; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £46.35

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.45pm	Kumon in the Parish Centre
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	SPUC meet in St Peter's Sacristy
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30pm	Slimming World in Parish Centre
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Kumon in the Parish Centre

### **Congratulations**

Many congratulations to our young people on their examination results.

### **Holiday**

I've had a very enjoyable holiday; weather was not too bad for the golf. All my family are keeping well, thank God. I hope you have all had a restful holiday.

### **Thanks**

Many thanks to Fr Jacek for looking after the parish in my absence, to the various members of the PPC, sacristans and so many others who worked so hard looking after the parish while I was on holiday.

### **Pro-Life Times**

This will be given out after Mass this weekend and includes a Christmas catalogue.

### **SPUC Meeting this Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 7.30pm St Peter's**

The local Branch will hold its monthly meeting in the Sacristy, finishing 9pm latest. Meetings are very friendly and everyone is welcome. Why not come along?

### **Parish Open Evening**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will discuss issues in the parish, particularly issues that arose from the recent parish survey. I look forward to you joining us for this meeting.

### **Calling All Golfers- Your help is required**

### **SVP National Golf day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Kilworth Springs Golf Course Nr Lutterworth**

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**

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### **SPUC Street Collection - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Our town centre collection is due again. Each year as we fill Melton with white flower stickers, we find that we welcome new members, listen to suffering, and convey to non-churchgoers that God loves everyone. No skill needed – if you can hold a box even for just an hour, please ring Frances on 565781 or 07790 631635.

### **Relics of St Therese visit England & Wales**

Over the last 15 years the casket containing the earthly remains of St Therese of Lisieux has visited 40 countries in all five continents and is a frequent presence at significant events in Rome and elsewhere. Wherever her relics have gone millions of people have prayed beside them and experienced many graces of healing, conversion and vocation. The visit of her relics to St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 have now been finalised and are as follows:

#### **5<sup>th</sup> October**

The opening ceremony will be at 5pm where the relics are welcomed to the Cathedral (involving Carmelite prayers/hymns)

**7pm Solemn Mass** Monsignor McGovern VG celebrates Mass. Preacher: Fr Michael McGoldrick (all welcome)

#### **9pm Night Prayer**

**11pm All Night Youth Vigil** (based on prayers by the youth and students)

#### **6<sup>th</sup> October**

**6.30am Mass to end the Vigil**

#### **9am Morning Prayer**

**9am-12noon Schools visiting** (all schools welcome, children to offer intentions)

**10.30am Liturgy for children** (St Thomas More School, Leicester to lead prayers)

**11.30am Closing ceremony** Farewell Liturgy (Carmelite prayers/music)

#### **12 Noon Departure of the relics**

Before St Therese died she promised that she would let fall a shower of roses from heaven and God has permitted an extraordinary number of miracles, graces and answers to prayers through the intercessions of St Therese. Quotes from St Therese:

"God gave me a father and mother more worthy of heaven and earth."

"What pleases God in my soul is that He sees me, loving my littleness and my poverty – the blind hope that I have in his mercy."

*God Bless You All - Fr Jim*