

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

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	Sr Thomas More L Escott Lesley/Helen
<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 <b>NB</b> <i>No Rosary &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker H Webb & M Barber
<b>Mon</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Nora Lenehan RIP	
<b>Tues</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	<b>BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY</b> Paddy McDonagh RIP  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
<b>Weds</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 8.00pm	<b>NB</b> Convent Convent House	Private Intention Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week C Next week D
<b>Thurs</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	School	God's blessing on the new school year	
<b>Fri</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Fr Jim's Intentions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>12<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	Fr Jim's Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> D Cardwell M & S Riley & O Bezzano
<b><u>RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</u></b>				
<b><u>Twenty fourth Sunday of the Year – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter</u></b>				
	6.00pm	Convent	Mr Bill Donnelly RIP	<b><u>Readers</u></b> M Barson
<b>Sun</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm	St John's St Peter's Convent	Kathleen Thornton RIP Parishioners' Intentions Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	S Charlton Liam/Simon

**St Thérèse of Lisieux**

Thérèse Martin was born in Normandy in 1873 and at an early age entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux, where she became *Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face*. She died of tuberculosis on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1897 aged 24. She was canonised in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and declared a Patroness of the Missions in 1927. In 1997 she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II. Her feast day is 1<sup>st</sup> October. She is now one of our most popular saints. Before her death St Thérèse expressed the desire to work as a missionary spreading the faith to distant parts of the world. Whilst her early death prevented the fulfilment of this ambition, over the last fifteen years her relics have travelled to many countries inspiring thousands of pilgrims to pray in their presence.

St Thérèse died in relative obscurity but over the years her teaching has steadily grown in influence and popularity. Yet Thérèse never wrote a book on theology, instead her teaching consists in her call to universal holiness, prayer and evangelisation, as well as her profound sense of what it means to have a vocation. Her life serves as the model of charity and, together with her sisters and parents, as an example for families everywhere.

*"St Thérèse of Lisieux who never left her Carmel, through contemplative prayer and the correspondence she maintained with priests...lived an authentic missionary spirit in her own way, accompanying every person in her Gospel service and giving the world a new spiritual orientation.*

*I therefore hope that the celebrations taking place ...will strengthen the mission awareness of the baptised... through prayer, witness of life and Christian commitment in all its forms, so that every member of the faithful may be a missionary where he or she lives. I also hope for the birth of vocations to proclaim the Gospel to people who do not yet know it."*  
Pope Benedict XVI

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for September:** trusting in the Holy Spirit, Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar may courageously proclaim the Gospel.

**Cycle of Prayer:** during Ordinary Time from September we pray for these intentions: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

**Pray My Brothers and Sisters For:** Joan Mynett, Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr David Everitt, Teresa Tierney, Mrs Joan Robertson, Don Hall and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

**Collection:** Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009: Loose £146.23; Envelopes £338.39; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £41.78

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group meet in Samworth Centre  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Parish Open Evening Parish Centre  
Weds 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Faith sharing in the Presbytery (for enquirers about the faith)  
Sat 9.45am-6pm Kumon Open Day in Parish Centre

### **September Edition of the Diocesan Newspaper**

The news highlighted this month are the visit of the relics of St Thérèse to the Cathedral, a Nottingham Forest supporter who is on the way to the priesthood, and an article on "The Real Presence" by Fr John Daley, parish priest of St Joseph's Church, Leicester. The newspaper is also available to read online at [www.bellcourt ltd.co.uk](http://www.bellcourt ltd.co.uk)

### **Youth St Vincent de Paul Group (YSVP)**

The next meeting will be in the Meeting Room at St Peter's church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm. Anyone aged 14-21 is welcome to come along.

### **SPUC Street Collection - Saturday 26<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.

### **St Thérèse of Lisieux**

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will arrive at our Cathedral at 5pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and depart at 12pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

What are relics? Relics are pieces of bone of a saint or pieces of cloth that have touched the body of a saint. I understand that bones from part of the leg of St Thérèse will be in the casket visiting the Cathedral.

### **Proposed coach to the Cathedral to pray at the relics of St Thérèse on 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Please sign the notice in our churches today if you would be interested in travelling by coach.

### **Novena to St Thérèse**

This will start on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September and end on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and will generally take place at St John's church during the week at 7.30pm. Would any readers who are able to assist please contact Fr Jim as he will not be available every evening. The Novena prayer sheet will be available for parishioners who are unable to get to church to pray.

What is a Novena? The word comes from the Latin word for nine. It is simply nine days of prayer.

Leaflets are available today on the Catholic Truth Society rack and more information can also be found at [www.catholicrelics.co.uk](http://www.catholicrelics.co.uk) and [www.thereseoflisieux.org](http://www.thereseoflisieux.org)

### **National Prayer for the Visit to England and Wales**

*God our Father, you reveal to us the depth of your love in the holy face of Jesus Christ your Son.*

*As we honour St Thérèse of the Child Jesus may we have the confidence and love to stand fully in the light of your presence so that the beauty of the Gospel may expand our hearts and open us to the gifts of your Holy Spirit.*

*We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.*

*Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.*

*St Thérèse, Patroness of the Missions, pray for us.*

*God Bless You All - Fr Jim*

### **Parish Open Evening**

This 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.

### **A Parish Prayer**

*Grant us a vision, Lord,  
to see what we can achieve;  
to reach out beyond ourselves;  
to share our lives with others;  
to stretch our capabilities;  
to increase our sense of purpose;  
to be aware of where we can help;  
to be sensitive to Your Presence;  
to give heed to your constant call,  
through Christ Our Lord.*

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

This will restart this Tuesday and Saturday. Many thanks to those who attend the church during these periods. We will be most grateful if parishioners could do their best to attend, especially on Saturday mornings.

### **Baptismal Preparation Course**

This will start on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Parish Centre and will continue on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism please book onto this course. Forms available in the porch or contact Sr Baptista or Mrs Helen Webb.