

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Twenty eighth Sunday of the Year – 11th October 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

| | <u>Time</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Mass Intentions</u> | <u>Readers</u> |
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| Sat 10th | 6.00pm | Convent | Victor Kren RIP | <u>Readers</u> J Dolan J Chisnall Gemma/Colette |
| Sun 11th | 9.00am 10.30am | St John's St Peter's | Parishioners' Intentions Mrs Nora Lenehan RIP (anniversary) | <u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell J Cuttill & family |
| Mon 12th | 7.45am | Convent | ST WILFRED OF YORK Sr Dolorosa (get well) | |
| Tues 13th | 9.15am 9.30am 10.45-12noon | St John's St John's St John's | ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR Rosary Mr John Reid RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | <u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Garrett Mrs Pingue |
| Weds 14th | 12.20pm 8.00pm | Convent Convent House | Mr Anthony Donnelly RIP Holy Hour | |
| Thurs 15th | 9.15am | School | NB Class liturgy – no Mass today | <u>Counters</u> This week D Next week A |
| Fri 16th | 7.45am | Convent | ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE Deceased friend | |
| Sat 17th | 9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm | St John's St John's St John's Convent | ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH Bernard Durant RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm | <u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange R Rifugiato & L Catton |
| <u>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Twenty ninth Sunday of the Year – 18th October 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter</u> | | | | |
| | 6.00pm | Convent | Parishioners' Intentions | <u>Readers</u> J Reed |
| Sun 18th | 9.00am 10.30am 11.40am | St John's St Peter's St Peter's | Mr and Mrs Shelton RIP Mr John Lynch RIP Baptism: we welcome Tyren Leigh Maddocks of Nottingham Road into God's family in this parish | R Escott Alison/John |

Bargain basement wisdom

A wise man wrote for his gravestone: "As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me." When he died a wiser one taped a note to it that read: "To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went!" Ah! That's wisdom. Wisdom is applying truth to the art of living. The truth comes free in the word of God but applying it comes at a price. Today's Second Reading (Heb 4:12-13) marks the price: having our soul and spirit, our joints and marrow separated by something sharper than any two-edged sword. Not everyone wants to endure that. The rich man in today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:17) doesn't want to, and he loses out. He abandons Jesus and departs poorer than when he came even though his wealth remains intact. Not only does he leave the poorer, he leaves grieving. Instinctively he knows that there's more to his life than wealth. Jesus' word pierces him like a two-edged sword, but he's unwilling to allow it to separate him from his wealth. He loses out. He knows it, yet still won't change. He wants wisdom; is offered it, but thinks the price is too high. He wants a bargain-basement type that just doesn't exist. Change wealth to anything else we long for in the secret of our heart – anything that blocks our way to God. That's the spot God's word needs to hit, to separate us from it so that we come to possess wisdom because we've allowed God to possess us. Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for October: that all the people of God may eagerly assume their missionary responsibility – the highest service to humankind.

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, Teresa Tierney, Fr David Everitt, Mrs Joan Robertson, Don Hall, Eileen Green's Intention, Helen Clinton, Mary and Noirin O'Hanlon and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2000 Annita Grillo; 2005 Clare McCabe; 2006 Dominic Dickinson; 2008 Margaret Leathley. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 4th October 2009: Loose £195.03; Envelopes £527.95; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £643.09

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection next weekend for the foreign missions

THIS WEEK

Mon 12th 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 12th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 12th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Tues 13th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 13th 7.30pm First Communion parents meet in Parish Centre
Weds 14th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 14th 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall
Weds 14th 7.30pm Confirmation parents and candidates meet in Parish Centre
Thurs 15th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 15th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's
Thurs 15th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 15th 7.30pm PPC meeting in Meeting Room
Sat 17th 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

Sympathy

Our very sincerest sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Marcin Wojtak who was killed in Afghanistan last week. His death brings the hostilities in Afghanistan very near to us all. Please continue to pray for world politicians so that they will be able to bring this hostility to a peaceful and just end.

Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux visit to our Cathedral

Last Monday evening the biggest crowd ever gathered at our Cathedral to pray at the relics of St Thérèse. The Cathedral was packed for the Mass with an overflow in the Cathedral hall and it was said 1,500 were queuing outside. May St Thérèse grant many people many blessings in their journey through life.

October Devotions

Please remember to say the Rosary or part of it for peace in the world (especially in Afghanistan) happiness in our homes and for priests. This week we will say the Rosary before the 9.30am Mass at St John's this Tuesday and on Saturday privately after the 9am Mass.

Arts and Flower Festival at the Convent

I am sure you will all agree this floral display was really wonderful. Thanks for all who worked so hard in presenting this flower festival.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

It is important that all parents attend the meeting on Tues 13th October 7.30pm in the Parish Centre so that the programme for First Communion can be explained and arrangements for the children's sessions on either Tuesday or Wednesday after school can be organised.

Meeting for Confirmation Candidates and Parents

This will be in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Weds 14th Oct. It is important that everyone attend the meeting. **NB** Bishop Malcolm will administer the sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday 30th April 7pm at St Peter's**

Clergy Conference 14th and 15th October

Fr Jim will be attending the Conference on liturgical practice and the new translation of the Roman Missal. Any urgent calls may be made to Fr Tylka on 562101.

Parish Magazine

Please email articles to dolores.harvey@ntlworld.com or send them to 1, College Avenue, MM, by **Friday 16th October**, just before the half term. Thank you.

Has your youngest just started secondary school?

If so, you will no longer receive your Community News Magazine through school. If you would like to still have a copy, please send your name and address as soon as possible to Rebecca Price rebecca.price@pera.com or 10 Cotswold Close, Melton Mowbray.

Annual Altar Servers' Mass at Nottingham Cathedral

Please arrive at 11.30am for 12noon Mass on Saturday 17th October and bring a picnic lunch. See poster.

Churches Together in Melton Mowbray

A Rich Person, Poor Person Supper for "One World Week" with entertainment by "Close Harmony", takes place at Sage Cross Methodist Church on Sat 17th Oct at 7pm, Tickets £5 available today (and until 11th Oct).

MacMillan Cancer Care

There will be a coffee morning and a chance to knit a blanket square for the MacMillan Cancer Care Comfort Blanket Project (or sew some together) on Sat 24th Oct 10.30am-1pm, 10 Cotswold Close MM If you can't knit or sew come along for coffee & cake or buy raffle tickets!

Christmas Fair

Please note the Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 28th November at the Working Men's Club from 10am-2pm. Grand Draw tickets available soon. First prize £500.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

This year's theme is Reach Out with Love. Our prayers and donations help to support mission projects and Catholic communities across the world to grow towards self-sufficiency. Through Missio the Holy Father invites every Catholic to contribute to a special collection next Sunday; your help will bring hope and new life to people thirsting to hear God's love for them.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim