

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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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year – 25th October 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 24th	6.00pm	Convent	Sr Ignatius' Intentions	D Howe
	British Summertime ends – clocks go back an hour at 2am on Sunday			L Escott
				Justin/Jean
Sun 25th	9.00am	St John's	Caireen Escott & Wayne Mitchelson (happy marriage)	
	10.30am	St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u>
	12 noon	St Peter's	Baptism: we welcome William Matthew McConnell of Asfordby Road into God's family in this parish	M Barson & J Reed
				H Webb & M Barber
Mon 26th	7.45am	Convent	ST CHAD Jack McGeady (sick)	
Tues 27th	9.15am	St John's	Rosary	<u>Cleaners</u>
	9.30am	St John's	Mrs Maura Sheehan	Mr & Mrs Donachie
	(followed by refreshments)			
	10.45-12noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 28th	12.20pm	Convent	SS SIMON AND JUDE Apostles (Feast) John Lynch RIP	
	8.00pm	Convent House	Holy Hour	
Thurs 29th	9.30am	St John's	Andy and Martha McManus' Intentions	<u>Counters</u>
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				Next week C
Fri 30th	7.45am	Convent	Special Intention	
	11.00am	Polish church	Funeral Mass for Cpl. Marcin Wojtak RIP	
Sat 31st	9.00am	St John's	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY Sick Sisters	<u>Welcomers</u>
	9.30-12 noon	St John's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	M Barker
	11.30am	St John's	Confessions	M & S Riley
	2.30pm	St John's	Wedding of Caireen Escott and Wayne Mitchelson	O Bezzano
	5.15-5.45pm	Convent	Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thirty first Sunday of the Year – 1st November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
	6.00pm	Convent	Michael Enright RIP	M Frisby
Sun 1st Nov	9.00am	St John's	Fr John Mack	S Charlton
	10.30am	St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions	Helen/Liam

A stupid question?

Jesus doesn't ask stupid questions. So, why does he ask Bartimeus what seems at best a question with an obvious answer in today's Gospel reading? Bartimeus is blind, and a beggar. He calls Jesus "Son of David". So the odds are in favour of him wanting more than money. He wants his sight. Yet, Jesus doesn't assume that. Why? Perhaps he wants to show respect towards Bartimeus, unlike the crowd who tell him to shut up. Jesus invites him to speak for himself. Can we say we always do that with those we consider unimportant to us? Those whose sentences we finish for them? Those whose conversation we cut across when in company? Those whom we think aren't worth listening to? Or perhaps Jesus wants to test the quality of Bartimeus's faith. "Son of David" he calls Jesus. Will he now undo the impression he makes by asking Jesus for a few coins? Respecting Bartimeus's freedom, Jesus let's his faith unfold. And what a faith it is! He asks for nothing short of a miracle. Even though he's blind he can "see" that Jesus is more than ordinary. Faith brings vision of a kind that healthy eyes may fail to. Do we see in Jesus more than the human eye can catch? Is our faith great enough to expect a personal transformation little short of the miraculous by sincerely asking for it? Jesus doesn't force us to ask for the impossible. But he does invite us to. What a shame should we refuse because it might sound stupid!

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, Dr Peter Howe, Bernadette McGuinness, Olly, Christine and Leah and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2003 Elizabeth McInerney, Kathleen Ratcliffe. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 18th October 2009: Loose £109.81; Envelopes £372.64; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Foreign Missions: £357.98

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 26th 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School

Mon 26th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School

Mon 26th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School

Tues 27th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre

Weds 28th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre

Weds 28th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall

Thurs 29th 2-4pm Silver Circle in the Parish Centre

Thurs 29th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre

Thurs 29th 10am Mothers' Prayers at St John's

Thurs 29th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre

Thurs 29th 7.30pm Faith sharing in the Presbytery

Sat 31st 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

Inland Revenue Repayment

We have received the sum of £2,305.07 from the Inland Revenue in respect of Gift Aid claims for the fourth quarter of the year 2008/2009. Thanks to all Gift Aiders.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for bookings for birthday parties etc 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.

Change of Address or Telephone Number

Please let me know if you have recently changed your address or telephone number. Thank you. Fr Jim.

October Devotions

Please remember to say the Rosary.

First Communion Meetings

Meetings for the children will begin on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October after school, until 4pm.

Please ensure they have their books.

Silver Circle, Thursday 29 October, Parish Centre

From 2-4 pm. Please bring balance of payment for the Christmas lunch. Full cost: £13.95; balance: £8.50 if £5 deposit already paid. The menu must be chosen now.

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 are being given out this weekend.

First prize £500. Please do your best to sell tickets.

Age Concern

Donations desperately needed. Clothing and books can be taken to any Age Concern shop and furniture can be collected by ringing the Birstall shop on 0116 267 2098. There are also vacancies within the charity.

Vacancy for Kumon Class Assistant

Mrs Yvonne Nestor-Ryan is looking for an assistant to help her run the Kumon classes in St Peter's Parish Centre for two hours on a Tuesday and two hours on a Saturday. For more details please contact her at meltonmowbray@kumoncentre.co.uk.

Catholic 2010 Diary

Available today – donations for CAFOD if you wish.

APF (Red Box Holders)

Please take home a copy of the Autumn magazine from the porch.

November – the month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes are available today in the porch for Masses to be offered for the November Dead List Intentions.

Please place names of your deceased parents, relatives and friends and all whom you wish to pray for, in the envelope with your offering..

Annual memorial Service This will take place at St Peter's church on Friday 13 November at 7.30, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Any parishioners who have lost loved ones over the past year or two are most welcome to attend this service.

Old Rite Mass for the deceased of the Parish On Monday 16 November at 7 pm Mass will be offered in the old Latin rite at St. John's church by Fr Crean of Holy Cross, Leicester. Booklets will be provided for those unfamiliar with the rite. If you would like a lift ring Jean Garrett on 07960 975483.

National Youth Sunday

This will take place on Sunday 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King. Details later.

Halloween

Halloween means the eve of the feast of All Saints. Next weekend we will have the great celebration of the feast of all the saints. For us Christians this is a feast of light. The saints are signs of the light of God, who have come into our world.

Sympathy

Our very sincerest sympathy and prayers to the family of RAF Gunner Marcin Wojtak, killed in Afghanistan. If you can please line the streets as the funeral procession will leave the Polish church and go to Thorpe Road cemetery via Burton Street and Sherrard Street.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim