

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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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>
Sat 31st	6.00pm	Convent	Michael Enright RIP	M Frisby S Charlton L Stapleton
Sun 1st	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr John Mack Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker M & S Riley O Bezzano
Mon 2nd	7.45am 10.30am 7.00pm NB	Convent St Peter's St John's	ALL SOULS DAY Jack McGeady (sick) Funeral Mass for Dr Peter Howe RIP November Dead List Intentions	<u>Cleaners</u> Mr & Mrs Donachie
Tues 3rd	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST MARTIN DE PORRES Mrs Maura Sheehan Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Weds 4th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	ST CHARLES BORROMEO John Lynch RIP Holy Hour	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Thurs 5th	9.15am 10.00am NB	School St John's	Class liturgy Andy & Martha McManus' Intentions	
First Fri 6th	7.45am	Convent	MASS IN HONOUR OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS Special Intention	
Sat 7th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY M.U Mathai RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Cardwell Curley family

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thirty second Sunday of the Year – 8th November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	William and Mary Finn RIP	<u>Readers</u> M Barson J Boylan Simon/Tony
Sun 8th	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	St John's St Peter's Melton Cemetery	Fr Brian Walsh RIP Parishioners' Intentions Visit to pray for our beloved dead led by Fr Jim	

Back to the future

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's book, *The Origin of Species*. Many scientists today accept that there is a huge body of evidence supporting the view that we have descended from an animal with chimpanzee-like capacities. If we have, then what we hear today's First Reading (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14) telling us is all the more amazing. For there we have attained near god-like capacities. Which is more difficult to believe: that a crude chimp is now a sophisticated human who composes sublime symphonies, produces fabulous works of art and explores cosmic vastness; or to believe that this human is destined for near divinity in a new ordering of creation? Science serves truth in dull and detailed prose. Scripture sets it in sweeping story and inspiring imagery that lifts us higher than science can ever do. Science examines and reports. Scripture reveals and inspires. Science fixes us firmly to matter; scripture frees us as spirit. Saints – all of them – are the poets among us. Not vice versa, though. They are, what the old pop song jingles out, "poetry in motion". As poetry opens pathways to understanding, refines human emotions and grants glimpses of transcendence we would not otherwise experience, so saints have done and continue to do through the generosity and sanctity of their lives. They show us what life can be like because of what it will be like. They bring the future to our doorstep. Whether we grant it entrance to our home is up to us.

Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for November: that believers of all faiths may bear witness to the God of peace by the testimony of their lives and their spirit of dialogue.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Joan Mynett, Teresa Tierney, Fr David Everitt, Mrs Joan Robertson, Don Hall, Eileen Green's Intention, Helen Clinton, Mary and Noirin O'Hanlon, Olly, Christine and Leah and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2001 Patrick O'Hanlon; 2007 Irene Burnett. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 25th October 2009: Loose £158.25; Envelopes £383.50; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £38.49

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 2nd 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 2nd 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Tues 3rd 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 3rd 6.30pm Confirmation meeting Parish Centre
Tues 3rd 8pm Mothers' Prayers Samworth Centre
Weds 4th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 4th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall
Weds 4th 7.30pm SPUC AGM in St Peter's
Thurs 5th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 5th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 5th 7.30pm Faith sharing in the Presbytery
Sat 7th 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to Mrs Dorice Howe and family on the death of Dr Peter Howe. Sympathy also to the McCabe family on the death of Michael.

Appeal this weekend

There will be an appeal given by Dr Heather Ward for Aid to the Church in Need in Eastern Europe. If you cannot give this week envelopes will be available.

Catholic News Diocesan Paper for November

Available in the porch today.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2009

Poppies are available in the porch - £24,191 was raised by the people of Melton last year.

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.

Confirmation Meeting – Tuesday 3rd November

The first meeting for the children takes place from 6.30pm-7.45pm in the Parish Centre with a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th November for their parents.

SPUC Local Branch Annual General Meeting

The AGM is on Weds 4th Nov 7.30pm in St. Peter's. All supporters, including new ones, will be warmly welcomed. Meetings end at 9pm and are very friendly.

Bring a Bottle Sunday – 8th November

Next Sunday we have our annual Sunday with a slightly unusual collection – bottles! Please remember to bring a bottle with you when you come to Mass for the Christmas Fair Tombola. Thank you.

Annual memorial Service – Friday 13th November

This takes place at St Peter's church at 7.30pm, 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.

CAFOD/Christian Aid Quiz Evening – 13th November

Teams of 4-6 needed to come along to St Francis School at 7.30pm (or come and join a team) £5 per person including sausage cob – please bring your own drinks and glasses. See poster for ticket information.

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.

St Cecilia's Day Concert at Nottingham Cathedral

Please see poster for details of this concert and launch of the Nottingham Diocesan Music Development Programme taking place on Sunday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Admission free.

Christmas Fair - Melton Working Men's Club

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 28th November from 10am-2pm. Grand Draw tickets available today, first prize £500. Please do your best to sell tickets. If you have any items for the Fair, if you can run a stall or help in any way please contact Charlotte on 569725.

'Mystery Jars' Appeal

This year we need 'Mystery Jars' for the Christmas Fair. Please put a small gift into an empty jam jar, wrap it up in Christmas paper and label it with lady, man, boy, girl or any. Please can you all try to do one. 'Mystery Jars' are very popular so we need a lot! If you can't find a jam jar ring Frances on 565781

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to all for their support. The raffle raised £60 and with donations we have raised £127. The blanket is being sewn up and will be being sent to MacMillan soon. Any squares that people have made that have not been sewn in, please let me have them and I will forward to MacMillan for putting into any blanket that is a few squares short. Thanks again. Rebecca Price.

Faith in Families (Catholic Children's Society)

Collection time again. Thanks to all who sent in contributions last time. Please leave money (clearly labelled for a receipt) in the sacristy or with Mrs Hall at St Francis School. New, stronger boxes available in the porch. Any queries call Sheelagh Roebuck on 565379.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim