

**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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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Thirty second Sunday of the Year – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	William and Mary Finn RIP	M Barson J Boylan Simon/Tony
<b>Sun</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 3.00pm	St John's St Peter's Thorpe Rd Cemetery	Parishioners' Intentions Anniversary Mass for all who have died for their country <b>Visit to pray for our beloved dead led by Fr Jim</b>	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mr Barker Curley family
<b>Mon</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran</b> Geraldine O'Reilly RIP (anniversary)	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
<b>Tues</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	<b>ST LEO THE GREAT</b> Patricia Ritchie RIP  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week D Next week A
<b>Weds</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	<b>ST MARTIN OF TOURS</b> November Dead List Intentions Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week D Next week A
<b>Thurs</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	<b>ST JOSAPHAT</b> November Dead List Intentions	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week D Next week A
<b>Fri</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am 7.30pm	Convent St Peter's	Mary Sinclair RIP <b>Annual Memorial Service</b>	
<b>Sat</b> <b>14<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	November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green

**Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants**

**Thirty third Sunday of the Year – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Readers</u></b> P Jones R Price Dominic/Rumbi
<b>Sun</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	November Dead List Intentions Fr Brian O'Higgins RIP	

**The widow's mite**

The widow's mite symbolises generosity. A small gesture bursting with meaning grabs the imagination and immortalises itself. Today's Gospel reading (Mark 12:38-44) notes that the widow has two coins. She could give one, keep the other, and still be considered generous. But no! Her generosity is not half measure. Her reverence for God and her respect for the Law and its requirements are total.

The spotlight is on the quality of her giving. We don't know what happens to her afterwards. But somehow we just know she's not going to die of starvation. We can't prove it, of course. But God doesn't respond to generosity with punishment. What kind of a god would that be!

It's the same for us. When we respond generously to life's demands we're not punished for doing so. Here are some more things we can't prove, but which are true nonetheless: the more we give the more we discover we have to give; and not only are those who receive enriched, so too are those who give.

When I worked in Indonesia as a missionary, occasionally I gave money to people in need, or spent it for medical treatment on their behalf. To my surprise, on several occasions I received money out of the blue from home in the form of Mass offerings within weeks of having given help to others. Like the jar of meal and the jug of oil in today's First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16) my small jar was never empty either. It really does work that way. Try it and see. Fr Tom Cahill

**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 & household of the parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 2001 Margaret Gillespie; 2003 Carmela Adesso; 2005 Margaret Smart; 2007 Margaret Fenning, Catherine Alvey. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009: Loose £115.20; Envelopes £348.50; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Aid to the Church in Need:** £564.00

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 8pm Finance Committee meeting in the Presbytery  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Confirmation meeting Parish Centre  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Meeting in Parish Centre for parents of Confirmation candidates  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm St Francis Governors at Convent  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Faith sharing – to be arranged  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

### **Public Visit to Thorpe Road Cemetery**

Fr Jim will lead prayers for our beloved dead at the cemetery 3pm today. I hope you will be able to join us.

### **Bring a Bottle Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> November**

This Sunday we have our annual Sunday with a slightly unusual collection – bottles for the Christmas Fair!

### **Parents of Confirmation Candidates**

There will be a meeting this Weds 7.30-9pm in the Parish Centre led by Fr Kenneth O'Riordan and Paula Bailey, from our Diocesan Adult Education Team.

### **Annual memorial Service – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7pm Mass will be offered in the old Latin rite (booklets provided) at St. John's church by Fr Crean of Holy Cross, Leicester. If you would like a lift ring Jean Garrett on 07960 975483.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Parish Mission**

It is a number of years since we had our Parish Mission. Would you be interested in a week long Parish Mission or would you prefer to have a series of day retreats at the weekends at the Rosminian Centre of Prayer on the Fosse Way? The Parish Pastoral Council (Chairman Pat Lee, Sr Ignatius, Tony Garrett, Colette Burns and Maria Greensmith) would appreciate your comments.

### **Christmas Fair**

#### **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-2pm at the Working Men's Club**

We hope you are all trying to sell some Grand Draw tickets to family and friends. If you are unable to come on the day please sign up on the poster in the porch to donate Grand Draw prizes, as not many have come in yet. Or give a private donation to Fr Jim or a member of the PPC.

Stallholders need you to bring items to sell – fancy goods, toys, games, books, CDs, Christmas items, cakes, sweets, jewellery etc and leave them in the box in the porch. Ladies (and men!) put on your aprons and get baking.

We need **YOU** to make this a successful, enjoyable event.

Charlotte is a young mum who has volunteered to co-ordinate this event. If you can help in any way please ring her 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

### **Paul Digby RIP**

It is with great regret that Fr Jim recently heard that Paul had died at his daughter's home in Sheffield. Paul was a very faithful parishioner and always took a great interest in parish affairs, especially at the time of building the Parish Centre. May he rest in peace.

### **Gifts that capture the true spirit of Christmas**

Please support CAFOD by buying a gift from their World Gifts Christmas Catalogue distributed with the Diocesan newspaper last week (more catalogues available soon).

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*