

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their dependants

Thirty third Sunday of the Year – 15th November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 14th	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	P Jones R Price Dominic/Rumbi
Sun 15th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	November Dead List Intentions Fr Brian O'Higgins RIP	<u>Welcomers</u> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange E Keogh & E Green
Mon 16th	7.45am 7.00pm	Convent St John's	ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND Sr Margaret Kilkey Mass in the Old Roman Rite: celebrant Fr Creen OP	
Tues 17th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST HUGH OF LINCOLN (Patron of our Diocese) November Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Weds 18th	10.30am 12.20pm NB 8.00pm	St Peter's Convent Convent House	Funeral Mass for Henry Kaplinski RIP <i>No Mass</i> Holy Hour	
Thurs 19th	9.30am	St John's	ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY James and Margaret Gill and deceased members	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Fri 20th	7.45am	Convent	Liam Grant RIP	
Sat 21st	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY Patrick & Mary O'Hanlon RIP and Fr Jim's relatives Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed Sr Baptista & M Bryning

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING AND NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Thirty fourth Sunday of the Year – 22nd November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Doreen Gascoigne	<u>Readers</u> Sr Thomas More R Murray Colette/Gemma
Sun 22nd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions John and Rosa Dumpleton RIP	

Beyond the senses

There are only two possibilities: human life has meaning or it hasn't. It has direction powered by purpose, or else it's like fungus, free-floating on a speck of cosmic dust going nowhere fast. But if there is nothing beyond what we see, touch, taste, hear and smell, from where comes the heart's deep yearning for things beyond the senses? Francis Thompson expresses that yearning in his poem, *In No Strange Land*: "O world invisible, we view thee/O world intangible, we touch thee/O world unknowable, we know thee/Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!"

That clutching is for that which gives life its mystery, for that which shatters the daily deceit of seemingly ordinary things to grace us with a glimpse of their grandeur. It's palpable in music that captivates the soul, in poetry that punctuates the mundane with rhythm from another zone. It's in art that sates the eye with beauty transcending time. It's in people when they love, and even when they don't.

When we're in touch with mystery today's First Reading (Dan 12:1-13) will not seem as bizarre as it might otherwise appear. Its style won't take from its substance. Resurrection of the dead is clearly central to God's plan for his creation. We need to focus on resurrection else death will have the final say. And the spot for that focus is life's ordinary things. Again Francis Thompson: "Not where the wheeling systems darken/And our benumbed conceiving soars/The drift of pinions, would we hearken/Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors."

Fr Tom Cahill

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: 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, Pat (Hugo Schorb's widow) and for all the sick & household of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2006 Geraldine O'Reilly, Margaret Digby. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 8th November 2009: Loose £149.80; Envelopes £498.00; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £55.65

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 16th 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 16th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 16th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Mon 16th 7pm Latin Mass at St John's
Tues 17th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 17th 6.30pm Confirmation meeting Parish Centre
Tues 17th 8pm Mothers' Prayers Samworth Centre
Weds 18th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 18th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall
Thurs 19th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 19th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 19th 7.30pm Faith sharing in the Presbytery
Sat 21st 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

Praying for Priests

This week we pray for Bishop Malcolm, Alex Atkins, Michael Bell, John Berry, Daniel Bowdren and Mark Brentnal.

Prisoners Sunday

Today we pray for 84,000 prisoners and their families. We pray for all prison workers and volunteers as they offer a hand of friendship and encouragement to all who are in prison and help them not to reoffend.

Aid to the Church in Need

We have received a letter of thanks from Heather Ward for our donation of £564 plus sales of £89.

Faith in Families (Catholic Children's Society)

Please leave money (clearly labelled for a receipt) in the sacristy or with Mrs Hall at St Francis School. Any queries call Sheelagh Roebuck on 565379.

Abortion TV Advertising Delayed

Thank you to all who responded to the BCAP consultation. The number of complaints was overwhelming: 4,000 instead of the normal 300 responses to such consultations. As a result, a decision on the proposal has been delayed. Please keep praying. There is still time to sign the petition. Ring Frances on 565781 by 30th November.

Work at St Peter's and St John's

A new heating system will hopefully be installed at St Peter's in December at a cost of £6,560.75. We have received three quotations to paint the inside of St John's and the best one was £3,890 plus VAT. We also plan to repair/replace the bell in the spring. It is likely this will cost approximately £6,000 and some parishioners may wish to make a donation towards this project.

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.

Youth Sunday – 22nd November

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. Any young people who would like to read or play some music or take any part in the 10.30am Mass please contact the co-ordinator Jean Garrett on 565341.

Christmas Fair

Sat 28th Nov 10am-2pm at the Working Men's Club

Only two weeks to go! Do keep selling Draw tickets, (available today).

Please sign up on the poster in the porch to donate Draw prizes, as not many have come in yet.

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

This is a parish effort and it depends on everyone doing their bit.

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.

Confirmation Parents Meeting – 2nd December

Please think of a question to ask Fr O'Riordan and let Gwenne Mamos know.

Leics Catholic Schools/Menphys Carol Concert

There are a limited number of tickets available for this concert which takes place at De Montfort Hall on Friday 4th December at 7.15pm, price £7. Contact the Menphys office 238, Narborough Road, Leicester (0116 2827225).

Community Service of Penance

This annual service will take place at St John's Church at 4pm on Sunday 6th December. Two visiting priests will be available to help Fr Jim.

Gifts that capture the true spirit of Christmas

Please support CAFOD by buying a gift from their World Gifts Christmas Catalogue (more available soon).

Advent Booklets available today

"Walk with Me" (£1) and "Your journey to Christmas," (£1.20). Also free calendars for children.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim