

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

N.R.C.D.T a registered charity

St John the Baptist, Thorpe End; St Peter's, Welby Lane; Convent, Dalby Road.

<http://www.meltononline.co.uk/catholiccommunity/>

Parish Priest: Father Jim O'Hanlon (01664 562274)

Polish Priest: Fr Tylka (01664 562101)

Parish Sisters: Sr Ignatius & Sr Baptista (01664 562422)

Saint Francis Primary School Dalby Road (01664 562891) Headteacher Mrs Denise Shipstone

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

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
Sat 21st	6.00pm	Convent	Doreen Gascoigne	Sr Thomas More R Murray Colette/Gemma
Sun 22nd	9.00am 10.30am 3.30pm 4.00pm	St John's St Peter's Convent Convent	Parishioners' Intentions John and Rosa Dumbleton RIP Adoration of Eucharist and Benediction Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Mon 23rd	7.45am	Convent	ST CLEMENT I November Dead List Intentions	
Tues 24th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPS (Vietnamese Martyrs) Michael McHale RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
Weds 25th	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	Hyland and Rooney deceased members Holy Hour	
Thurs 26th	2.00pm	Loughborough crematorium	November Dead List Intentions Funeral of Jean Keane RIP of British School Gardens	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Fri 27th	7.45am 1.15pm	Convent St Peter's	November Dead List Intentions Funeral Mass for Mrs Olympia McKenna RIP of Egerton Lodge	
Sat 28th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	NB <i>No Mass today – Christmas Fair</i> NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> NB <i>No Confessions</i> Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Cuttill family

First Sunday of Advent – 29th November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Jan Mazur RIP	<u>Readers</u> C McGrath P Lee Alison/John H
Sun 29th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr Derl Daly Liam and Teresa Stapleton's Intentions	

Truth Reigns

Someone remarked that there are three sides to every story: your side, my side and the truth. In today's Gospel reading (John 18:33-37) Jesus links the reign of his kingdom very closely with testifying to truth. Celebrating Jesus as universal king means celebrating truth's triumph over falsehood, the victory of good over evil.

However, lest triumphalism makes us cocky, we need to remember the cost of this triumph – nothing less than the torture and murder of God's Son on earth. Sounds a bit strange put that way, doesn't it? We're more used to hearing about the *passion and death* of Jesus. *Passion* has become a sanitised word sounding less harsh than *torture*, even though the pain of it isn't.

Crucifixion, while a terrible word and an even more terrible reality, still sounds that bit more distant than *murder* does. Jesus was murdered because he spoke the truth. Anyone who speaks as Jesus did risks the same fate ultimately. Yet, in spite of threats from those with vested interests who don't want the truth to be told, the truth will come out and does prevail. That's what we celebrate this day. But, not only do we celebrate the victory of truth, we also celebrate the fact that people are prepared to die for it. We have examples of that throughout history. We have martyrs for truth among us today. We will have them into the future too.

Today we celebrate the three sides to this story: I testify to truth, you testify to truth and truth triumphs, for all three become one.

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: 2001 John Keogh, Thelma Kidger; 2003 Mary O'Hanlon; 2005 Noel Curran; 2007 John McGrory, Edgar Hunt. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing 15th November 2009: Loose £ 143.14; Envelopes £361.00; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions: £63.39

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 23rd 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 23rd 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 23rd 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Tues 24th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 24th 6.30pm Confirmation meeting Parish Centre
Weds 25th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 25th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall
Weds 25th 7.30pm Faith sharing in the Presbytery
Thurs 26th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 26th 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's
Thurs 26th 2-4pm Silver Circle meet in Parish Centre
Thurs 26th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 26th 6pm PPC meet in the Meeting Room
Sat 28th 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre
Sat 28th 10-2pm Christmas Fair at Melton WMC

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and prayers to the Sinclair family on the recent death of Mrs Olympia McKenna and also to the Keane family on the recent death of Jean Keane.

Youth Sunday

Today is Youth Sunday. Our young people will be taking a prominent part at the 10.30am Mass today. We wish all our young people many blessings this Youth Sunday. Thank you to all who have prepared for the Mass today.

Praying for Priests (Year for Priests)

This week we pray for Malachy Brett, Darren Brown, Michael Brown, Alan Burbidge, James Burke and James Cahill.

Advent Booklets available today

"Walk with Me" daily reflections (£1), "Your journey to Christmas," family booklets (£1.20), Advent candle and prayer cards, (£1) only 50 available, and free calendars for children. Please collect your choice of booklet today.

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.

Christmas Fair

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

This is the last week before the Fair! Please make a final effort to sell Draw tickets, and bring in counterfoils, unsold tickets and prizes you have promised. More items (especially bottles) are needed and can be left at Church or School.

Men – put on your aprons for the "Fr Jim Cake-Making Challenge". Can you beat him?

Come along on the day – have fun, see Santa and support your parish.

Doors will open at 8am for stall holders to set up – men needed to help with tables etc!

If you can help please ring 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.

Silver Circle

The next meeting takes place at St Peter's Parish Centre on Thursday 26th November from 2pm-4pm.

Enrolment of our Candidates for Confirmation

This takes place next Sunday 29th November at the 10.30am Mass. We will pray for our young parishioners, their parents and sponsors and welcome them into our parish confirmation programme.

Confirmation Parents Meeting – 2nd December

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

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.

Annual Carol Service at St John's

Takes place on Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm.

Gifts that capture the true spirit of Christmas

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

Poppy Appeal 2009

We have received a note of thanks from the British Legion for raising a total of £89.39.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim