

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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34th Sunday of the Year – 23rd November 2008 (Year A Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

National Youth Sunday

Mass Intentions

Jan Mazur RIP

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>			<u>Readers</u>
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	Convent			J Dolan S Charlton Amy/Simon
Sun 23rd	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's		John McGrory RIP Parishioners' Intentions	
Mon 24th	7.45am	Convent		ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & Comps Fr Frank McCarthy's Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barson & J Reed M & S Riley O Bezzano
Tues 25th	9.30am 10.45-12noon	St John's (followed by refreshments) St John's		Mr Brian Keogh RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Counters</u> This week C Next week D
Weds 26th	10.00am NB 8.00pm	Convent Convent House		Irene Burnett RIP Holy Hour	
Thurs 27th	9.15am	School		Mrs Jill Mallender's Class Mass November Dead List Intentions	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan Mrs Madigan
Fri 28th	7.45am	Convent		Sr Dolores's Intentions	
Sat 29th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	NB NB NB	<i>No Mass – Christmas Fair</i> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>No Confessions</i> Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker J Curley & family

First Sunday of Advent – 30th November 2008 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent		Jan Mazur RIP	<u>Readers</u> J Reed
Sun 30th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's		Parishioners' Intentions Private Intention	J Boylan Liam/Rebecca

That New Year's Resolution

The end is nigh – liturgically that is – as we celebrate: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Nothing like going out on a triumphal note! However, lest we fly off in a flurry of fervour, let us listen to what that Universal King says to us today. In the Gospel (Matt 25:31-46) he tells us that some of us are blessed and some are accursed. The blessed are those of us who care for the least among us, those who give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty; those who welcome the stranger and clothe the naked; those who care for the sick and visit prisoners. The accursed are those of us who do none of this. Now that is not what you'd expect to hear a universal king say. In fact you wouldn't expect him even to be aware of the lowly and the least.

But therein lies the greatness of his kingdom: his concern for the weakest. When we pray *The Lord's Prayer* we say, "may your kingdom come." We want God's kingdom to establish itself universally as soon as possible. I wonder do we realise that we have a say in that happening. Though the time for its glorious coming is set and known by the Father alone, God's determining of that time just may be influenced by the quality of care that we give to the weakest among us. No need to wait for January to make a New Year's resolution to give that care! Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for November: That Christians in Asia may faithfully proclaim Jesus to the peoples of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality.

Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time from September we pray for 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: Deacons Stephen Boulter and Joe Rogan, Denis Cronin, Joan Mynett, Bernadette Elliott, Fr Philip O'Dowd, Fr John Mack, Caroline, Nicholas, sick brother, a young man who is having chemotherapy, Mrs H Dickinson, Richard Price, and for all the sick & housebound of the Parish.

Thanks for prayers for an expectant mother: mother and newborn baby doing well.

Collection: Week commencing 16th November 2008 Loose £170.36; Envelopes £384.10; Standing Orders £325

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £50.84

Thank you for your generosity.

Second Collection this weekend: For the Congo Crisis Appeal

THIS WEEK

Mon 24th 7.30pm Visiting Group meet in Meeting Room
Tues 25th 8pm Mothers' Prayer Group at St Peter's
Weds 26th 1pm Silver Circle lunch at Quorn Lodge
Weds 7.30pm Youth Club meet at UR Church Hall
Thurs 6.30pm Slimming World meet in Parish Centre
Thurs 6.45pm St Francis School Governors meet at the Convent
Fri 9.30-11am Mother & Toddler Group at St Peter's
Sat 10-2pm Christmas Fair at Working Men's Club

National Youth Sunday

Today is National Youth Sunday. We wish all our young people a very happy day, remembering them especially in our Mass this weekend that God will continue to bless and protect them always. New Altar Servers will be enrolled into the Guild for Altar Servers today.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to St Francis School girls' football team who won the Leicestershire Schools Football Association last Saturday. Well done to their trainer Mr Richard Escott.

Parish Centre Bookings

If you wish to book the Centre for a party etc please telephone the parish office, 562274 for a booking form.

Walk With Me – Booklets for Advent

These reflections on the readings for Advent are available today price £1. Please collect your copy. Also available – free Advent Calendars for children.

2009 Catholic Diary

Available today – one for each family. Donations to Congo Crisis Appeal.

Silver Circle Christmas Lunch

This will take place at Quorn Lodge on Weds 26th Nov 12.30pm for 1pm. Any queries ring Marie on 483102.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Nov 30th 3.30pm at the Convent, followed by a meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at 4pm.

Service of Penance in preparation for Christmas

This will take place on Sunday 7th December at 5pm at St John's Church. We will have a short service followed by the celebration of the sacrament of God's forgiveness and three priests will be available for confessions. I hope that many of you will avail of this great opportunity in our parish for receiving the grace of the sacrament of God's loving forgiveness.

Christmas Fair

Sat 29th Nov 10-2pm 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.

The Brownies are asking for cakes for their cake stall and 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 our parish.

If you can help ring Helen, 501868 or Alison, 568076.

Sweet Stall

We need sweets, both homemade and bought. Some sweets can be made easily without boiling and children can join in. If you would like some easy recipes or need your sweets collecting phone Frances on 565781.

Christmas Day dinner for those living alone

Those who would like to have dinner on Christmas Day in the Parish Centre, or could help with the organisation, please contact Pat Lee, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, on 567452, or the parish office on 562274.

Parish Choir

If anybody is available to sing in the choir at Christmas, please contact Michelle Morgan on 857388.

APF Red Box Holders

Please collect your envelope from the church porch.

St Vincent de Paul Society

We are in the process of re-starting this Society and a number of people are already interested. If you would like to make enquiries contact Pat Lee on 567452.

Youth St Vincent de Paul Melton Mowbray

We're delighted to report that seven of our young people have joined the new group and are already active in volunteering at Melton Mowbray Mencap - they're enjoying it enormously. If any other 14-18 year olds are interested in joining contact Gwenne at gwenne.mamos@ntlworld.com (851281) or Helen at h.chadwick@ntlworld.com (857230) and we'll put you in touch with one of the seven so you can talk about it.

Gift Aiders

Please ensure your offerings are placed in an envelope so that we can reclaim the tax on them. Should you forget your envelope please save your offering until you have it with you.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim