

**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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**First Sunday of Advent – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 1 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Jan Mazur RIP	C McGrath P Lee Alison/John H
<b>Sun</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Fr Derl Daly Liam and Teresa Stapleton	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker Cutbill family
<b>Mon</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>ST ANDREW Apostle (Patron of Scotland)</b> Deceased relatives of Paul Jones	
<b>Tues</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	November Dead List Intentions  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Bezzano Mrs Wright
<b>Weds</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	12.20pm 8.00pm	Convent Convent House	November Dead List Intentions Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week C Next week D
<b>Thurs</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	<b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b> November Dead List Intentions	
<b>First</b> <b>Fri</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am 11.00am	Convent St John's	November Dead List Intentions Funeral Mass for Mr Onufrij Rohatyniuk RIP	
<b>Sat</b> <b>5<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 No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament No Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker R Rifugiato & L Catton

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

**Second Sunday of Advent – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 2 of Psalter**

	6.00pm	Convent	Victor Kren RIP (anniversary)	<b><u>Readers</u></b> P Dark
<b>Sun</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am <b>4.00pm</b>	St John's St Peter's <b>St John's</b>	Marcin Wojtack RIP Parishioners' Intentions <b>Community Service of Penance</b> (3 priests available for confessions)	J Chisnall Justin/Lesley

**Caterpillars beware!**

What a way to enter with a bang! Enter a new liturgical year, that is. Just look at our Second Reading today (1 Thess 3:12-4.2): "may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." What a way to start the year if love means, as it must, seeing butterflies in caterpillars! Not even Specsavers could do that for you.

Advent is a time for staring: at the Creator coddled in a cot, at heaven harboured in a home, at power naked in swaddling clothes, at divinity bubbling through a baby, at the darkness of a silent night illumined by a cosmic chorus of heavenly hosannas. Indeed it is; but don't forget the caterpillar.

Why should we be stumped by a muddled Marian message ringed in a tree? Why have apparitions in strange places? Don't we have divinity at our fingertips each day? We need but reach out in friendship to another human being to touch the face of God. For if not there, where else?

Advent is a time for daring: to find the intimately elusive God nestling in our hearts, to find his sacred face imaged on the heart of those we love and, dare we admit it, those we don't; to trust our instincts for the promised paradise to come. Indeed it is, but don't forget the caterpillar.

Next time you meet one stare and dare. Stare until its lowly form morphs before your eyes. Then dare to believe what your eyes tell you. Advent has arrived; can birth be far behind?

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:** 2005 Terry Conlon; 2008 John Jinks. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009: Loose £162.40; Envelopes £218.40; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for the Franciscan Missions:** £36.27

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection next weekend:** For New and Poor Parishes in our Diocese

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm Confirmation meeting Parish Centre  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 8pm Mothers' Prayers Samworth Centre  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30-9pm Meeting in Parish Centre for parents of Confirmation Candidates  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm SPUC meet in St Peter's Sacristy  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall  
Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm *No faith sharing this week*  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm **Community Service of Penance**

### **Sympathy**

Sincerest sympathy and prayers are extended to Mrs Maria Edwards of Cotswold Close on the recent death of her father. The funeral Mass takes place this Friday.

### **Enrolment of our Candidates for Confirmation**

This takes place this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Gwenne Mamos has reported that the young people celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation very fruitfully last Wednesday evening. We had very good feedback from the young people and Fr Peter and Fr Tony were delighted with them.

### **Confirmation Parents Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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

### **SPUC meeting this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The local branch meets at 7.30pm Wednesday in St. Peter's sacristy. All welcome. Please come and help defend the unborn and the elderly.

### **Community Service of Penance**

This annual service will take place at St John's Church at 4pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Two visiting priests will be available to help Fr Jim. Our last service of penance was very well attended, I hope we can have your support this time also.

### **Day Retreat for Advent and Christmas**

Peace, Hope, Love, Joy – A Christmas message....but what does it mean? This retreat takes place at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am-3.30pm. Cost £10. Please see poster in porch.

### **Carol Service St John's 2.30pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

We will have our usual Carol Service with carols, readings, children's nativity tableau and Benediction, followed by tea and mince pies. This is a lovely service for everyone, especially older people, those with young children or anyone who finds it difficult to get to the carol singing before Midnight Mass. Bring your friends! If you need a lift ring Ann: 560080 or Frances: 565781

### **A Family Christmas Spectacular – Carols for All**

See poster for details of this event at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

### **Youth Sunday**

We celebrated Youth Sunday in great style at the 10.30am Mass last Sunday. We thank our young people for their enthusiastic participation in the Mass and for all the preparation they did beforehand. Many thanks also to the adult leaders who put so much work into this preparation. It is very much appreciated.

### **Christmas Fair**

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this a success, the stallholders, helpers and all who went along to support the event on the day. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as possible.

### **Praying for Priests (Year for Priests)**

This week we pray for Thomas Breslin, Darren Brown (who is seriously sick), John Cahill, David Cain, John Cairns, Frank Carvill and Paul Chipchase.

### **Advent Booklets available today**

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

### **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.

### **APF Red Box Holders**

Please collect your brown envelope (containing the 2010 calendar) from the porch.

### **Christmas Stamps**

Do please order Madonna & Child Christmas stamps and keep Christ in Christmas.

*God Bless You All – Fr Jim*