

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

First Sunday of the Year – 10th January 2010 (Year C Readings) Week 1 of Psalter

Sat 9th	6.00pm	Convent	Linda Uttley's father RIP	<u>Readers</u> M Barson R Price Alison/John H
Sun 10th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Eileen's Intention Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Sr Baptista & M Bryning
Mon 11th	7.45am	Convent	Geraldine O'Reilly RIP	<u>Cleaners</u> Mr & Mrs Donachie
Tues 12th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	ST AELRED Dead List Intentions NB <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Weds 13th	12.20pm	Convent	ST HILARY Marcin Wojtak RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Thurs 14th	9.15am	School	Fr Con Moynihan RIP	<u>Counters</u> This week A Next week B
Fri 15th	7.45am	Convent	Sr Valerie's Intentions	
Sat 16th	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Dead List Intentions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Cuttill family

Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth

Second Sunday of the Year – 17th January 2010 (Year C Readings) Week 2 of Psalter

Sun 17th	6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am	Convent St John's St Peter's	William and Mary Finn RIP Parishioners' Intentions Living & deceased members of the Johnson fund	<u>Readers</u> P Jones R Murray Lesley/Tony
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Renew not recycle

According to one recycling agency Ireland's consumption of alcohol over Christmas would fill 29 Olympic sized swimming pools. On average, adults drank 16 litres of alcohol or 2.5 times their own blood levels. If that's hard to swallow try this: the nation gobbled 4 million boxes of chocolates; guzzled 54 million cans and 15 million bottles of beer, 20 million bottles of wine, 4 million plastic bottles and 28 million cans of soft drinks. Households disposed of 96,500kg of packaging – equivalent to an adult's weight in cardboard per household – and 4 million sheets of gift-wrap paper. And that was in 2005! Just imagine what it must have been like every Christmas since then.

As Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth, how could recycling our waste produce seem more pressing a problem than renewing our faith in God and our service of each other? Our feasts are always occasions for renewal. Today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, shows this. It reminds us of our own baptism and of what we are committed to because of it. We need reminding from time to time that baptism, while it may have come easily, does not come cheaply. It does cost. Today's Gospel reading (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) makes that clear: *He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (3:16)* So, as we begin this New Year, let us not take our baptism for granted, or forget it. That can so easily happen. When the Spirit's fire truly burns within us, we'll know that it's not for recycling used goods but for renewing God's gifts.
Fr Tom Cahill

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for January: that Christians may be aware that unity among all Christians is a condition for a more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Cycle of Prayer: during Ordinary Time until Lent we pray for these intentions: Peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

Pray My Brothers and Sisters For: Teresa Tierney, Fr David Everitt, Mrs Joan Robertson, Eileen Green's (of Asfordby) Intention, Helen Clinton, Noirin O'Hanlon, Olly, Christine and Leah, Pat (Hugo Schorb's widow), B Morris, Linda Escott's sister, Reg Owen (in hospital) and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

Parish Anniversaries: 2005 Richard Caper. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing: 3rd January 2010 Loose £121.01; Envelopes £379.50; Standing Orders £325.

Second Collection for Franciscan Missions: £39.34

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 11th 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 11th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 11th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Tues 12th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 12th 8pm Mother's Prayers Samworth Centre
Weds 13th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 13th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall
Thurs 14th 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 14th 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 14th 7.30pm SVP group meet in Meeting Room
Thurs 14th 7.30pm St Francis Association (PTA)
Parents' meeting, St Francis School
Sat 16th 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

White Flower Appeal for SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offer pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

Father Jim writes

I have been to Ireland to see my sister, at the moment she is at home and has carers to look after her. She is making reasonable progress. Thank you for all your prayers. As you may have read in last week's newsletter Bishop Malcolm has asked me to move to the parish of Oakham and in obedience to him I have agreed to do this. I am planning to move on Monday 25th January. I knew about this three weeks before Christmas but the three priests who are moving decided not announce it until after Christmas.

New Year's thanks

Many thanks to all who prepared the churches for Christmas, those who decorated them, erected the cribs and the Christmas trees, flower arrangers, church cleaners, gardeners, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, welcomers, organists, musicians and sacristans. Our children's liturgy group, those who pray before the Blessed Sacrament at St John's, the mother's prayer group, youth club leader and assistants and the youth management committee, our guides, brownies and rainbows groups, the organisers of our silver circle group, the St Vincent de Paul group and junior SVP and their leaders. The governors of St Francis school, Liam Stapleton our parish governor at De Lisle and our catechists for First Communion and Confirmation. Special thanks to the parish secretaries, housekeeper,

parish centre management committee and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for all their advice and guidance to me. Finally very special thanks to our parish sisters; Sr Baptista and Sr Ignatius and Sr Valerie our Churches Together representative and so many more who help to make the parish what it is. Thank you all very much indeed for your help, it is very much appreciated. Fr Jim.

Praying for Priests (Year for Priests)

Father, you have appointed your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest, guide those he has chosen to be Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray this week especially for Fr David Everitt who is said to have a serious operation. We also pray for Francis Higgins, Chris Hogan, Philip Holland, Geoffrey Hunton, Peter Inman and Matthew Jacques.

Admissions to St Francis School

Parents of children born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 due to start school in September 2010 will need to complete the school admissions form **before 22nd Feb**. Please contact the school on 562891.

Vacancy: Deputy Headteacher

Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Leicester, wishes to appoint a practising Catholic who is an inspirational, motivated and enthusiastic individual and would join our creative and supportive Senior Leadership Team as Deputy Headteacher from September 2010. Please contact the school office on 0116 285 7261 for further details. Closing date for applications is Monday 1st February.

Christian Unity Week

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Sunday 17th January and ends on Sunday 24th January. The Minimum Theatre Group will perform at St Peter's church at 7.30pm on 19th January. Please collect a leaflet for details of special services that week.

First Confession for children and their families

This takes place on Saturday 23rd January at 2pm at St John's. Fr Adrian Chatterton will be available for confessions of other members of the families.

CaFE Retreat Day – Saturday 23rd January

Please see poster for details of this retreat day to be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd Woodthorpe.

Set Dance Weekend – 23rd & 24th January

Please see poster for details. For details of weekly dance lessons phone Anne on 0116 241 5887.

God Bless You All – Fr Jim