

PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY

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Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth

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

Sat 16th	6.00pm	Convent	William and Mary Finn RIP	<u>Readers</u> P Jones R Murray Lesley/Tony
Sun 17th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Parishioners' Intentions Living & deceased members of the Johnson fund	
Mon 18th	7.45am	Convent	Mass for unity among Christians Sick sisters and friends	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker Cutill family
Tues 19th	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Liam Grant RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<u>Cleaners</u> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
Weds 20th	12.20pm	Convent	BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI Jimmy Mahon RIP (Sr Maria's brother)	
Thurs 21st	9.15am	School	ST AGNES (Fr Jim's farewell School Mass) Rosaleen Reid's Intentions	<u>Counters</u> This week B Next week C
Fri 22nd	7.45am	Convent	Jack McGeady (sick)	
Sat 23rd	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Dr Peter Howe RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<u>Welcomers</u> M Barker R Rifugiato & L Catton

Third Sunday of the Year – 24th January 2010 (Year C Readings) Week 3 of Psalter

	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<u>Readers</u> Sr Thomas More P Lee Justin/Jean
Sun 24th	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Bernard Scattergood Fr Jim's Intentions	

Seeing red

I wonder if the UK chart topping 1986 hit *Lady in Red* by Chris de Burgh would have soared so high had she been in green. Wearing red not only gets you noticed, it can get you ahead even in the Olympic Games, according to one lecturer at Durham University. Wearing red marks you as aggressive and dominant.

Today's second reading (1 Cor 12:4-11) lists distinguishing marks for members of the Christian community. The colour red doesn't get a look in. Neither do designer labels, gym workouts, health-food diets or high-tech gizmos (even had they existed). But then they wouldn't; all the qualities listed are for service not dominance or ego-gratification. Also, everything on the list is internal to the individual not external. I don't need to enhance my appearance for service, but I do need to enhance myself. And the gifts listed in this reading do just that: wise utterance, knowledgeable speech, faith witness, power to heal, working miracles, prophesying and the ability to discern spirits, talking in tongues and interpreting them.

To put these gifts in more contemporary wrapping we might list them as: being informed, practising what I preach, comforting those in difficulty, helping without counting the cost, being my brother's keeper, being in touch with life's basics, being open to God's spirit and open to those open to God's spirit.

It's surprising at times that if you should go public, so to speak, and say that these are the qualities that distinguish true Christians some of that public, even those not Christian, will probably see red!

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: 2001 Susan Skiffington; 2003 William Guy; 2004 John Jinks; 2005 Alexander Zorko; 2006 Leszek Mosoro. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Collection: Week commencing: 10th January 2010 Loose £118.57; Envelopes £293.65; Standing Orders £325.

Second Collection for SPUC White Flower Appeal: £200.50

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Mon 18th 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School
Mon 18th 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School
Mon 18th 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School
Tues 19th 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre
Tues 19th 6.30pm Confirmation programme
Tues 19th 7.30pm Minimum Theatre Group St Peter's
Weds 20th 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre
Weds 20th 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall
Thurs 21st 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre
Thurs 21st 10am Mothers' Prayer Group at St John's
Thurs 21st 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre
Thurs 21st 7.30pm PPC meeting in the Meeting Room
Sat 23rd 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

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Generous Donation

The parish wishes to thank the anonymous person who donated £400 for the sick and retired priest's fund. Many thanks indeed.

Praying for Priests (Year for Priests)

We pray this week especially for Canon Edward Jarosz, Joseph Keogh, James Kinane, Michael Kirkham, John Kyne and Mgr John Lally (Leicester).

Children's Liturgy Group

We are urgently seeking more volunteers to support the Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Masses at St Peters'.

This session for our youngsters is a rewarding way to share our love of God and nurture a better understanding of Him with them. We need to recruit at least four more people, which would mean we could offer a Liturgy each week in term time and each Team would only have to cover two Sundays a term. No qualifications or experience are necessary and volunteers are given training and can observe the current team work to get the experience they need. All teams work as pairs and we have a range of resources and websites to help you plan the week's activity. We need to have new teams ready to start after Easter. **We may have to close Children's Liturgy as we do not have enough volunteers to run a weekly programme.**

For more information please call Ewa Loj on 01949 861545 or Jean Garrett on 01664 565341.

Fr Jim writes

As I announced last week, because Alfreton was the late Fr Con Moynihan's parish Bishop Malcolm is sending me there instead. I had mentioned to him that I thought Alfreton would be a more suitable parish for me. I plan to move on Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th January. Fr Kevin Clark, your new parish priest, will be moving in on Tuesday 26th.

New Year's thanks

It's very hard to remember everybody, but I think I should thank the finance committee for all their advice and also those who are collectors and those who count the collection each Sunday. We are in need of more counters. Thanks also to all the members of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children for the time and effort they put into this. Special thanks to all the Sisters at the Convent for all their kindness and hospitality including offering me lunch on Sundays.

God Bless You All - Fr Jim

Christian Unity Week

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins this 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 (followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre). Please collect a leaflet for details of special services.

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.

Fr Jim leaving

As a Parish we would like to wish Fr Jim a successful tenure at his new Parish in Alfreton. There will be a farewell celebration at the Parish Centre at 2pm on Sunday 24th January and all are welcome. Hot food will be provided and if transport is a problem please contact Jean Garrett on 565341. You also have had the opportunity to contribute using the envelopes provided or alternatively any sealed envelope labelled 'Fr Jim'. Please include with the collection or hand in at the Convent.

National Marriage Week 7-14 February

Bishop Malcolm will be presiding at the annual Mass of Celebration during National Marriage Week in St. Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 14th February at 3pm. A welcome is extended to all who have ever received the sacrament but a special welcome is extended to those celebrating anniversaries of ten years, Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond anniversaries as well as to engaged couples and those experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. Representatives of Catholic organisations concerned with marriage and family life in the diocese will be in attendance. Please contact Sue Sanderson