

**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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**Third Sunday of the Year – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Year C Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

<b>Sat</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Readers</u></b> Sr Thomas More P Lee Justin/Jean
<b>Sun</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Bernard Scattergood Fr Jim's Intentions	
<b>Mon</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	<b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b> Fr John Cooper RIP	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker R Rifugiato & L Catton
<b>Tues</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	<b>SS TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS</b> Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs O'Riordan & Mrs Madigan
<b>Weds</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	12.20pm	Convent	Bernard Durant RIP	
<b>Thurs</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b> Mrs Reid RIP	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week C Next week D
<b>Fri</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Convent	Special Intention	
<b>Sat</b> <b>30<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	Dorice Howe and family Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> M Barker H Webb & M Barber

**Fourth Sunday of the Year – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 (Year C Readings) Week 4 of Psalter**

<b>Sun</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am	Convent St John's St Peter's	Fr Kevin's Intentions Marianna Kalperska RIP Parishioners' Intentions	<b><u>Readers</u></b> C McGrath J Chisnall L Stapleton
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**Your bottom dollar**

Gambling is a growing problem in Ireland. You can bet your bottom dollar on that! It's estimated that in 2008 punters risked losing about €3.6 billion in the nation's 1,093 betting shops. That's €300 million more than the previous year. No recession there! This, alarmingly, doesn't include on-course betting, gambling on the National Lottery, or online. Many people relish risk, crave for chance and feed on fickle fate instead of solid faith. For some people there can be nothing odd with the odds when it comes to risk-taking for money. What, in sober moments, most of us would count as throwing money away, gung-ho gamblers see as a prelude to a victory parade.

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21) doesn't deal with chance, though there may be some risk later down the road. It presents us with odds-on certainty: the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah in the person of Jesus. He was prophesied as the one who brings news of freedom to captives and those oppressed because the Spirit of God rests on him (4:18-19). In other words because God is with Jesus he can enable us to live free of addictions, compulsions and false values. It's a totally upbeat prophecy, and indeed Jesus is totally upbeat about it. Question is: are we? Do we accept Jesus as he who brings us freedom? Or, do we see him as cramping our style? But there's nothing that's moral and legal that we can't do as a Christian that we could do were we not. You can bet your bottom dollar on that too. 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, Pat (Hugo Schorb's widow), B Morris, Linda Escott's sister, Reg Owen and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 2001 Patrick Kynoch; 2003 Joan Long; 2006 Denise Lundy; 2008 Alice Desborough. And all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Loose £162.04; Envelopes £542.85; Standing Orders £325.

**Second Collection for:** the Haiti disaster fund £880.92

Thank you for your generosity.

**Second Collection next weekend:** for sick and retired priests.

### **THIS WEEK**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm Rainbows at St Francis School  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 6-7.30pm Brownies at St Francis School  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm Guides at St Francis School  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Confirmation programme  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 8pm Mothers' Prayers, Samworth Centre  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Youth Club meet in UR Church Hall  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Kumon in Parish Centre

### **Silver Circle**

We will meet in the Parish Centre from 2pm-4pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It is the Christmas party.

**Those who put their name down for transport please be ready for 1.30pm** and the taxi will pick up from 1.30pm onwards. **If you are unable to come please ring ABM Taxis on 563636.** See you then.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 [susan.sanderson@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:susan.sanderson@nrcdt.org.uk) or Fr John Sherrington, [family.nottingham@googlemail.com](mailto:family.nottingham@googlemail.com) for more details.

### **De Lisle Catholic Science College Thorpe Hill Loughborough 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion**

De Lisle Catholic Science College is pleased to announce they will be holding a reunion on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 for all ex students and staff from the past 50 years. The day will start with a buffet lunch at 12:15pm. Entrance is by ticket only, tickets are £5 each. Please contact the College on 01509 268739 or [jane.tyler@delisle.leics.sch.uk](mailto:jane.tyler@delisle.leics.sch.uk) as soon as possible if you wish to attend or require further details.

### **National Pilgrimage to Fatima July 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Please see poster in the porch for details.

### **Generous Donation**

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

### **Ashes for Ash Wednesday**

Please return your blessed palms from Palm Sunday so that they can be burnt for ash on Ash Wednesday.

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

We pray this week especially for Ka Fai Lee, Paul Lloyd, James Lynch, Mgr Patrick Lynch, Terence Makings and John Joe Maloney.

### **Children's Liturgy Group**

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

It is with very deep regret that I have to tell you of the sudden death of my brother John last Wednesday. This means that I am unable to be with you this weekend. The party that was being organised for me on Sunday afternoon has been cancelled and will be re-arranged for some time in the future. I am so sorry I am unable to be with you for this last weekend and of course I am sorry to be leaving you. Melton is one of the finest parishes in the diocese. Being your parish priest was the highlight of my priestly life. I wish to thank each one of you for all your friendship and support over the past eight years. I will return from my brother's funeral on Sunday night and I have postponed my leaving until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. On Monday I hope to visit the sick and housebound. A thousand thanks to all who have helped me pack my belongings. If you are ever around Alfreton you will always be welcome to pop in. My new address will be Christ the King Presbytery, 104 Nottingham Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE15 7GL. Telephone 01773 833174.

*God Bless You All - Fr Jim*