

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY A / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS : This Week: *3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 2, 14.22-28; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1,17-21; Luke 24: 13-35*

Next Week: *4th Sunday of Easter : Acts 2, 14. 36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; John 10: 1-10.*

Sunday, April 26 th	10.30 am Melbourne	3 rd Sunday of Easter	
Monday, April 27 th	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, April 28 th	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday, April 29 th <i>St Catherine of Siena (Feast)</i>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Thursday, April 30 th	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Friday, May 1 st	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Saturday, May 2 nd <i>St Athanasius (Memorial)</i>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Sunday, May 3 rd	10.30 am Melbourne	4 th Sunday of Easter	

MASSES

Link to the readings.

<https://www.universalis.com/20200426/mass.htm>.

1. **THE HOLY MASS:** The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass offered for you. **Masses offered for still-living persons (including yourself) are more beneficial than Masses offered for deceased persons. Masses for the dead will provide for them a God-assigned “indulgence” (a curtailing of the duration and/or intensity of purgatorial suffering). But if Mass is offered as intercession for persons while still alive and in the state of grace—i.e., no unrepented serious sin (1 John 5:16), these living persons receive three added benefits not available to the dead, namely:**

- Increase of merit (assigned heavenly joy and glory) forever —Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] 2010).
- Added sanctifying grace (a deeper sharing in the life of God—2 Pet. 1:4).
- Actual graces (conscience-nudges to do good and avoid evil—CCC 2000).
- Finally, St Anselm, St Leonard of Port Maurice and Pope Benedict XVI have individually said that Masses offered for persons in their lifetime are far more beneficial. From time to time ask your priest to offer the Holy Mass for you or someone else including the dead. **There is no price tag on the Mass, (no one can buy the Mass) however, if you are able to give, it is customary to give an offering when requesting a Mass for an intention. That stipend goes to support our Parish work.**

2. Supporting people in Castle Donington and Melbourne

For Castle Donington help is available with shopping, collecting medication or just a chat. Call the Volunteer Bureau on 01332 850526 or 01332 810432 (9am to 1:30pm) or email admin@CDVC.org.uk

For Melbourne....

For those of our neighbours and parishioners without access to email :-

I hope you and your families are keeping safe. In the present situation, any means of communication goes a long way to letting our families, friends, and fellow parishioners know that we care for them. I am aware that majority of our parishioners have access to emails. I am also aware that only very few of our parishioners do not have access to emails. I wish to reach out to the latter via phone calls. As you receive this email, kindly inform such people that I would like to talk to them via phone. If anyone consents, please send me their phone numbers. I had already talked to three people (1 in Melbourne and 2 in Castle Donington). It is better we reach out to all without forgetting or neglecting anyone.

Thanks for helping with this request.

3. Masses from Bishop Patrick on his Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3Kl8GD79FotjQ/featured>

4. **Other streamed Mass:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5YY4gW0cFO>

5. Call for readers for our ZOOM Masses

It would be great to have a variety of support helping with these. Even if you don't read normally, it would be wonderful if you could give this a go. If you are willing to take part please contact Father Joel

6. Advice on using Zoom

I think we are all finding it strange using this technology for our collective worship. It is an abnormal situation but it can help bridge the gap until life returns to normality. The following tips may help you to get the most out of a "ZOOM" Mass

- Remember that your microphone is very sensitive and others are likely to hear every sound – from turning pages to whispers. Obviously it is best if your house is quiet but not everyone can manage that, so muting the microphone unless you are reading can help. The switch for this is a microphone symbol usually in the bottom left of your screen
- You may also find that you can follow the prayers more easily if you mute the microphone when everyone is speaking
- Not everyone wants to appear on video early in the day – or even later. It is perfectly acceptable to switch your video off
- It can help if the priest or the current reader is most prominent on your screen. If you right click on Father Joel's image you can select "Pin Speaker" and his image will fill your screen.

7. Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

- Due to the covid-19 pandemic situation both in our diocese and in France the annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage won't be taking place in July as planned, but rather will be postponed until the same time in July 2021. All those pilgrims who had made a booking have been contacted by the tour operator, Tangney Tours, and refunds have been arranged.
- It is hoped that later in the year, depending on the coronavirus situation, to celebrate a 'Lourdes in a Day' reunion event, including Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the Sick, and a Torchlight Rosary Procession. Information about this will be circulated in due course and when it is possible again to meet together for such a day.



THE POPE SPEAKS: "The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. We too often go to Sunday Mass with our worries, difficulties and disappointments.... Life sometimes wounds us and we go away feeling sad, towards our "Emmaus", turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God. But the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and

rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion he gives us strength. The Word of God, the Eucharist. .” -Pope Francis.

