

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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**10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY A / WEEKDAY 2

### READINGS :

This Week: *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12.*

Link to the readings <https://www.universalis.com/20200510/mass.htm>

Next Week: *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 14-21.*

Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Melbourne	5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday of Easter</b>	John Kerr (RIP)
Monday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Friday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Saturday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	

Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Melbourne	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	

### 1. The Month of May

Pope Francis has asked that, during the Month of May, the Rosary should be recited in the Church right across the World in the context of the coronavirus and its effects. As a Parish we will be doing ours via ZOOM at 10.00am on Sundays. You are welcome to join. Thereafter we start the Holy Mass at 10.30am.

### 2. 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.**

### 3. Parish Finances

Parishioners have asked how they can help reduce our income loss during the pandemic. Thank you for this kindness, particularly as personal finances are a concern for a lot of people at the moment. There are a few ways you can support the parish:

1. Continue to put your offering in your gift envelopes each week. When we return from lockdown place the envelopes on the plate. If you prefer, pass them to Fr Joel or Paul periodically (see below);
2. Make a donation – cheques and cash can be passed to Father Joel (The Rectory, Melbourne) or Paul Boshell (10 Cheribough Road, Castle Donington). Please write on the envelope your name, indicate it’s a donation and whether it can be given under Gift Aid. You don’t need a special envelope;
3. Make an on-line donation or a regular gift. Please put your name and state “donation” in the reference.

**Sort code:** 30-96-18. **Account number:** 00347882.

#### 4. 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](mailto:admin@CDVC.org.uk)

For Melbourne it seems most people are relying on families and neighbours. The local community is also organising something. Ollie and his friends are also ready to help. You can email: [Oliver.Greenwood@premierfoods.co.uk](mailto:Oliver.Greenwood@premierfoods.co.uk)

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. It is better we reach out to all without forgetting or neglecting anyone.

Thanks for helping with this request.

#### 5. Masses from Bishop Patrick on his Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGURP2eZKDE>

#### 6. Other streamed Mass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-1KKTjYfXY>

#### 7. 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

#### 8. 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.

## 9. Online Coffee Morning

Our first virtual (extraordinary) coffee/tea morning went very well via ZOOM with about 8-9 people in attendance. Another one will take place immediately after morning Mass on Saturday 16/5/2020. It lasts until 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

## 10. For Churches Together in Melbourne

As you may be aware, Christian Aid Week starts on May 10th. For over 70 years, Christian Aid has been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. they work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. Every year Melbourne Churches along with thousands of others, distribute envelopes door to door. Christian Aid then relies on the income received to carry out desperately needed work around the world. Last year the churches in Melbourne raised the magnificent sum of £2,760.65.

Because of our lockdown situation, it won't be possible to distribute envelopes door to door this year. So please could you consider supporting the work of Christian Aid by:

- **Donating** on the Christian Aid website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>
- **Praying** for the many partner organisations supported by ChristianAid during the coronavirus outbreak
- **E-envelopes:** you can send an "e-envelope" to friends and family to encourage them to donate. Please do consider sending these to people you know with your own photo or video message! They are easy to create: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>

For all of us, our experience of this pandemic will be different depending on our age, financial security, home location, job, health at the time and so many more variables. But the one thing that is common to every one of us reading this is that we have access to hot and cold running water with which to wash our hands, so reducing the risk of our family being infected.

It is evident that in refugee camps or areas of the world where access to clean water and even basic medical care (let alone ventilators or PPE) are limited, then the impact of the coronavirus is going to be utterly devastating.

Mindful that these are difficult financial times for some, so this is the time for those of us who are able to, to give generously. We may have re-connected with our neighbours in new ways during this time, but let us not forget our global neighbours in great need during this pandemic. Some of them have been here before with ebola and are only just moving forward from the devastating effects of that disease. Now is the time for us to stand with them as we are asked to, when Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

There are two other ways of participating in Christian Aid week:

- Joining in and sharing the daily morning reflection on the Christian Aid Facebook page <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/daily-prayer-reflection>
- Joining in and sharing the daily quiz on Facebook Live at 7.30pm <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/daily-quiz>

Finally, if you need a boost today, do watch the 2020 Christian Aid film about the positive impact an earth dam has had on the life of the wonderfully joyful Florence in her village in Kenya. [CAW20 Churches film with voiceover-2.mp4](#)

Remember coronavirus impacts all of us but love unites us all. See also an attached document on Christian aid.



*THE POPE SPEAKS: “*

**Today the Reading from the Acts of the Apostles enables us to see that the first tensions and the first dissension also arose in the early Church. There are conflicts in life, the question is how we confront them. Until that time the unity of the Christian communities had been fostered by belonging to one single ethnicity, and to one single culture, that of the Jews. But when Christianity, which by the will of Jesus is destined for all peoples, opened up to the Greek cultural atmosphere, this homogeneity is lost and the first difficulties arose....Problems, in fact, are not resolved by pretending that they do not exist!...By facing each other, by discussing and praying, with the certainty that gossip, envy, jealousy can never bring us to concord, harmony or peace.” -Pope Francis.**

#### PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS

##### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign  
of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Refuge and our Hope, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,  
and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

#### **“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.**

*In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother and seek refuge under your protection.*

*Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are*

*buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.*

*Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.*

*Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.*

*Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.*

*Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.*

*Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity, that they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.*

*Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.*

*Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.*

*Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.*

*To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.*

