

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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Confessions: Sat: C.D 4.30 pm

Sun: Melbourne 10:00 am

18 April 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Ps. 4; 1 Jn 2: 1-5a; Luke 24: 35-48.

Click on the

link to the readings <https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm>

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 8-12; Ps117; 1Jn 3: 1-2; JN 10:11-18.

Sunday, 18/4 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)	3rd Sunday of Easter	For the parishioners
Monday, 19/4/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, 20/4/21	6.00pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday, 21/4/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Thursday, 22/4/21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)	*5.00 pm Holy Hour 6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Friday, 23/4/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Saturday, 24/4/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington		

Sunday, 18/4/21		4th Sunday of Easter	
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****All Masses in the Melbourne Church incorporate zoom technology until further notice****

1. Painting the presbytery

As funds are limited at the moment, we're looking for volunteers to help paint various rooms in the presbytery at Melbourne. If you're able to give a little time to help with this project, please email Father Joel and he'll sort out the next steps. Thank you.

2. Christian Aid week is coming Up!

As you know we normally support the local Churches together Group to play our part in the Christian Aid week collection. This is a very important charity and a way of showing solidarity with our fellow Christians. This year they are asking us to deliver envelopes to a number of streets in Melbourne. These envelopes are at the back of church. There is no need to call back and collect the envelope as donors are asked to post this in. Please collect a set and deliver them if you possibly can to a street near you.

3. Easter offering to support Fr Joel's Prison Project in Nigeria =£274. Thank you.

4. Parish Project

Direct Cheques: Rainbows = £640.25; Safe Families £700.25. Cash only: £530.50. Thanks for your support to those in need.

5. Collection Envelopes

Those who give by envelopes, please collect your own box from the Churches. We need volunteers to kindly help deliver the boxes to those unable to attend Mass. Thanks for doing that.

6. Parish Finances

- Please think about **making a regular contribution to parish funds**. The easiest way is via standing order. Our bank details are: Sort code: 30-96-18; Account Number: 00347882. Please put your name in the reference so we can track your donation. We'll be in touch about Gift Aid. If you'd rather fill in a form then please email me and I will send it electronically.
- **Make a one off gift to the Parish**. Giving on-line couldn't be easier. All the details are above. Alternatively, pass cash or a cheque to me or Deacon Paul. If you'd like someone to pop round and collect it, **please ring Gill Neilson at Castle Donington on 01332812757 or contact me at Melbourne.**
- **Join the 100 Club**

Members pay £24 per year and prizes of £25, £10 and £5 are drawn every two weeks. New members are welcome! and we have some numbers available.

Please make your payment cash or cheque to "Catholic Parish 100 Club" in an envelope with your name and the amount. As we are shielding due to COVID-19 please post to the presbytery or:

Luisa Sutcliffe
30 Mount Pleasant, Castle Donington
Derby DE74 2LN

or
Geraldine Taylor
4 Cessna Court Castle Donington
Derby DE74 2UA

7. Children's Liturgy at Melbourne

Parents, please find here online addresses you may wish to use for Children's Liturgy in your homes with the children:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCspZ5bqny5U-lHozqxjTTg> St. Dominic's Community – Youtube

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

www.catholicmom.com

www.catholicblogger1.blogspot.co.uk

www.sjtb.org/releduclolor.html (colouring pages)

8. Volunteers needed - Stewards at Melbourne Church

We need more volunteers for the steward rota at Melbourne. Our churches can't open for Mass without stewards and we only currently have 5 volunteer stewards at Melbourne. If you are able to help with stewarding, please contact Helen Crammond on writinginitalics@hotmail.co.uk

9. Booking for Weekend Masses

Due to limited capacity, and the need to take details for a 'Track & Trace' function, attendance at mass must be pre-booked.

- Online. Nottingham Diocese have created an online booking portal. You will need to sign up, and once you have signed up you will be able to book your space for Mass. www.massbooking.uk
- Phone. If you do not have access to the internet, please ring Jo Matthews 07837671831 on from Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm to book your seat.

If you need to cancel you can return to your booking and on the website and use the Cancel option button or ring Jo Matthews 07837671831

If you test positive for Covid-19 after attending a mass, please contact Fr Joel immediately on mcd.joel@outlook.com or 01332862631

10. History of the Parish

Tom Stanyard, organist at Melbourne, is compiling a history of the parish. Please cast your minds back as far as you can and let Tom know any notable events, stories or other anecdotes worth including you can remember. Even any myths or legends you might remember your parents telling you! Equally, if you know anyone who has since moved away from the parish, please forward this request on to them so we can gather as much information as possible. If you have any photos these would also be of particular interest.

You can contact Tom on tstanyard@gmail.com

11. Online Coffee Morning

Our virtual (extraordinary) coffee/tea morning via ZOOM will take place on Saturday 23/4/21 immediately after the Rosary which starts at 9.40am. It lasts until 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

12. Masses from Bishop Patrick on his Youtube channel:

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

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

14. Lead Lay Chaplain Required

There are vacancies for two Lead Lay Chaplains within the Diocese of Nottingham, at the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust and also the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Further details are available at [www.stl-](http://www.stl-cmat.org.uk/vacancies)

[cmat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.stl-cmat.org.uk/vacancies) or www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies Closing date: 4 May 2021



The content of Christian witness is not a theory, it's not an ideology or a complex system of precepts and prohibitions or a moralist theory, but a message of salvation, a real event, rather a Person: it is the Risen Christ, the living and only Saviour of all. He can be testified to by those who have personal experience of Him, in prayer and in the Church, through a journey that has its foundation in Baptism, its nourishment in the Eucharist, its seal in Confirmation, its continual conversion in Penitence. Thanks to this journey, ever guided by the Word of God, every Christian can become a witness of the Risen Jesus - *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.*