

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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**Confessions:** Sat: C.D 4.30 pm  
Sun: Melbourne 10:00 am

22 August 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

**READINGS:** This Week: Twenty First Sunday of the Year: Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18; Ps. 33 Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69.

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

Next Week: Twenty Second Sunday of the Year: Deut 4: 1-2. 6-8; Ps 14; James 1: 17-18.21-22.27; Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23.

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| Sunday, 22/08 /21  | 10.30 am Melbourne<br>(incorporating <b>Zoom</b> )                |              |   |
| Monday, 23/8/21    | 9.15 am Melbourne   | Weekday Mass | Intentions for Annette Ward               |
| Tuesday, 24/8/21   | 6.00 pm Melbourne   | Weekday Mass | Holy Souls in Purgatory                   |
| Wednesday, 25/8/21 | 9.15 am Mass  | Weekday Mass | For Pope Emeritus Benedict & Pope Francis |
| Thursday, 26/8/21  | <b>*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration</b><br><b>6.00 pm Melbourne</b> | Weekday Mass | Conversion of souls                       |
| Friday, 27/8/21    | 9.15 am Mass  |              |   |
| Saturday, 28/8/21  | 5.00 pm Castle Donington  | Vigil Mass   | Josephine & Fred Allen (RIP)              |

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| Sunday, 29/8/21 | 10.30 am Melbourne | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year B |  |
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*\*All Masses in the Melbourne Church incorporate zoom technology until further notice\**

**1. Thank you**

“Paul would like to say thank you to the Parishioners who gave so generously to his retirement present and in particular to Rachel Hallam and Martin and Julie O’Dowd for organising it. It was entirely unexpected but very much appreciated.”

**2. Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist**

Please would the extra-ordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist let Fr Joel know by next weekend if they wish to continue in their ministry.

**3. Returning to normal**

The PPC have extensively discussed how quickly we can return to normal in terms of Masses, social activity and building rental as restrictions ease, noting that we still have some constraints:-

- There is no longer a requirement that volunteer stewards must be under 70
- Operating less than 2m social distancing may require a whole congregation to quarantine
- Rules are changing in mid-August
- The requirement to book is widely disliked, but helps record keeping
- Some churches have cards stating “please respect this space” for people to place on seats
- It was desirable to have in person mid-week Masses including at CD

With these in mind

- 9:00 Mass at CD would resume 5 September with booking
- Normal Mass will be in place from October with booking subject to the prevailing rules
- For now 2m social distancing would be achieved by adjustment to seating in CD
- Father Joel would test the demand for mid-week Masses in person and respond accordingly

**4. Building rental**

We have coordinators for both Melbourne and Castle Donington

**Melbourne:** Rosemary Smith (email: [rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com));

**Castle Donington:** Rachel Hallam (email: [themattingleyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:themattingleyfamily@gmail.com))

We wish to rent out our properties appropriately and will do so to people who can comply with the latest diocesan guidelines

**5. Social**

- The social committee will meet in August to determine how to comply with regulation
- The goal is to have a first normal coffee morning in CD in early September

**6. 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 or money to help with this project,**

**please email Father Joel** and he'll sort out the next steps. Thanks to the limited number of offers but need more. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

## 7. Parish Finances

Our finances remain difficult. If you can please support us by

- **making a regular** standing order to Sort code: 30-96-18; Account Number: 00347882
- **making 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 if you'd like someone to pop round and collect it, **please ring Gill Neilson at Castle Donington on 01332812757 or me at Melbourne.**

## 8. Booking for Weekend Masses

- Nottingham Diocese have created an online booking portal at [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk)
- If you do not have access to the internet, please ring Jo Matthews 07837671831 from Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm to book your seat.

**If you test positive for Covid-19 after attending a mass, please contact Fr Joel immediately on [mcd.joel@outlook.com](mailto:mcd.joel@outlook.com) or 01332862631**

## 9. Online Coffee Morning

Our virtual (extraordinary) coffee/tea morning via ZOOM will take place on 28/8/21 immediately after the Rosary which starts at 9.40am. It lasts until 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

## 11. Other streamed Mass

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

## 12. Readers List – Church of the Risen Lord, Castle Donnington

Please find attached the list of past readers. If you can still help reading at mass or if you wish to add your name to the list, please let Linda Wordsworth ([lwordsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:lwordsworth@hotmail.com)) know at which mass you wish to read- Saturday or Sunday. Please send Linda your email for future correspondences.

### Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

Colston Shields Family  
S Gafney  
J Long  
S Long  
C Saffell  
P Slee  
S Thorburn  
A Watkins

### Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

C Gill  
R Hallam  
L Hart  
A Latham  
A Mitchell  
K Murray  
G Neilson  
M O'Dowd  
M Sutton  
L Wordsworth

### 13. 100 Club

Winners first July 2021 draw:

1st. 51 William Kerr  
2nd. 21 Jo Sutton  
3rd. 44 Margaret Grieves

Winners second July 2021 draw:

1st. 28 Malcolm Taylor  
2nd. 37 Carmel Lycett  
3rd. 81 Rachel Hallam

Winners first August 2021 draw:

1st. 93 Christine Milbourne  
2nd. 45 Emma Dibb  
3rd. 26 Alan Morgan

Winners second August 2021 draw:

1st. 59 Margaret Sutton  
2nd. 90 Paul Matthews  
3rd. 10 Pat Cormack

### 14. Young Christian Climate Network

A group of young people have formed the Young Christian Climate Network as a response to the climate crisis. They have organised a relay walk which started in Cornwall at the end of the G7 talks and is due to finish at the beginning of November in Glasgow when COP26, the UN Climate Conference, commences. They plan to pass through Melbourne on Monday 31st August and move on to Aston On Trent the following day. They are looking for volunteers for a range of tasks and would love people to join them, even if only for a few miles. The best way to find out more and to volunteer is through the website - <https://www.yccn.uk> Alternatively phone Gill Watts on 07779 977825 or [g.a.watts@ntlworld.com](mailto:g.a.watts@ntlworld.com) - she is the Route Section Team Leader for the Birmingham to Nottingham stage of the relay.



In the face of these desertions, Jesus does not compromise and does not mince words, indeed he demands that a precise choice be made: either to stay with him or leave him, and he says to the Twelve: "Will you also go away?" (v. 67).

– **Pope Francis.**

**First reading**  
**A reading from the Prophet Joshua**

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

*We will serve the Lord, for he is our God*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### **Responsorial Psalm 33**

#### **Taste and see that the Lord is good**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips, in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. ®

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. ®

3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. ®

4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. ®

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. ®

#### **Second reading**

#### **Ephesians 5:21-32**

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*Christ loves the Church, because it is his body*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 6: 63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel            John 6:60-69**

*Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### **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.*