

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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<p align="center">Confessions: Sat: C.D 4.30 pm Sun: Melbourne 10:00 am</p>

29 August 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This 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. [Click on the link to the readings](#)

<https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm>

Next Week: Twenty Third Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 35: 4-7;Ps 145; James 2:1-5; mark 7: 31-37.

Sunday, 29/08 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)		
Monday, 30/8/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Welfare of Kay, Veronica & Bernadette
Tuesday, 31/8/21	6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	For the perpetrators and victims of murder, suicide, abortion
Wednesday, 1/9/21	9.15 am Mass	Weekday Mass	Private intention
Thursday, 2/9/21	*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Private intention
Friday, 3/9/21	9.15 am Mass		

Saturday, 4/9/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	
Sunday, 5/9/21	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	23rd Sunday of the Year B	

All Masses in the Melbourne Church incorporate zoom technology until further notice

1. September Masses in Castle Donington

We will be reintroducing our 9am Sunday Mass on 5 September. You will be able to book. Please be aware that the number of seats available will change. There will be more chairs in the Church for September they will be marked for either Saturday or Sunday. For October, we hope to be back to normal. No bookings and no seat allocations. However, we will continue to review the Government guidelines and Diocesan recommendations.

2. 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

3. Building rental

We have coordinators for both Melbourne and Castle Donington

Melbourne: Rosemary Smith (email: rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com);

Castle Donington: Rachel Hallam (email: 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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.

7. Booking for Weekend Masses

- Nottingham Diocese have created an online booking portal at 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 or 01332862631

8. Normal Coffee Morning at Castle Donington

Our normal face to face coffee morning starts at CD Church on 4/9/21. Time is 10.00am. Everyone is welcome.

9. Masses from Bishop Patrick on his Youtube channel:

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

10. Other streamed Mass

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

11. 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 (lawardsworth@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

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

C Gill

R Hallam

L Hart

A Latham

A Mitchell

K Murray

A Watkins

G Neilson
M O'Dowd
M Sutton
L Wordsworth

12.100 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

13. Young Christian Climate Network

Hi good YCCN supporting folk,

The situation currently looks like this:

1. 12 walkers expected to arrive in Melbourne around 5 pm on Monday 30 August requiring welcome, food and accommodation. (Refreshments on arrival – tea/coffee/soft drinks and cake?, then supper later, breakfast the following morning, floor space for sleeping, maybe some sort of entertainment if they want it)

2. St Michael's House available, possibly Methodist rooms as well. If there are some specific needs for a softer bed, shower or whatever, I can ferry walkers back and forth to my house in Ticknall in electric car.
3. Additional people from outside Melbourne may be able to help with supper on Monday evening and will be walking with the group the following morning, coordinated by Godfrey Meynell in liaison with me.
4. I am the contact person for walkers both days to assist with any en-route incidents or issues.

Grateful for your thoughts please as to how we can best welcome the group and organise food and accommodation. My thinking is a bring and share supper (ensuring enough for the 12 walkers by us coordinating who is bringing what – and that they are served first). We eat with the group, along with as many further local people as we can round up to participate.

Another – and possibly appropriate thought - is that we organise a washing of feet ceremony/ritual for our visitors.

The overall organiser, Gill, says that there is a lady newly involved with the parish church who wants to help called Jenny Leigh. Unfortunately, I don't know or have contact details – anyone know her?

I have Melbourne Area Transition banner and bunting, but we need specific welcome signs making (I can paint some crude ones, but have no artistic skills. We need to decide on locations and generally pull it together. The walkers have had some lovely welcomes so far elsewhere. I'd like to think we could do a good job here.

Meantime, if folk are interested in walking part or a whole leg, it is **essential** that they [sign up](#) at YCCN.

Thoughts please (asap)! Many thanks,

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it is not the external things that make us holy or unholy, but the heart which expresses our intentions, our choices and the will to do all for the love of God. Outward attitudes are the consequence of what we have decided in our hearts, but not the contrary: with the outward attitude, if the heart does not change, we are not true Christians. **The boundary between good and evil does not pass outside of us, but rather within us.** Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, to give us a pure heart, free of all hypocrisy. This is the word that Jesus uses for the Pharisees: "hypocrites" because they say one thing and do another. A heart free from all hypocrisy, thus we will be able to live according to the spirit of the law and accomplish its aim, which is love – **Pope Francis.**

First reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm 14

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

A reading from the letter of St James

Accept and submit to the word

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.