

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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<p><b>Confessions:</b> Sat: C.D 4.30 pm Sun: Melbourne 10:00 am</p>
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01 August 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

**READINGS:** This Week: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: Exodus 16: 2-4. 12-15; Ps.144; Ephesians 4, 17. 20-4; Mark 6: 24-35.

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

Next Week: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: 1 Kings 19: 4-8. 12-15; Ps.33; Ephesians 4, 30-5:2; John 6: 41-51.

Sunday, 1/08 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating <b>Zoom</b> )	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
Monday, 2/8/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Mena Millar (RIP)
Tuesday, 3/8/21	6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Wellbeing of the Murray Family
Wednesday, 4/8/21 <b>St John Vianney, priest (memorial)</b>	9.15 am Mass	Weekday Mass	
Thursday, 5/8/21	<b>*5.00pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.00pm Melbourne</b>	Weekday Mass	
Friday, 6/8/21 <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)</b>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Saturday, 7/8/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	Webb Family intentions

Sunday, 8/8/21	10.30 am Melbourne	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
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***\*All Masses in the Melbourne Church incorporate zoom technology until further notice\****

**\*Retirement**

On 3 June 2021, our Rev Paul Boshell wrote Bishop Patrick McKinney expressing his desire to retire from active ministry as a Deacon. The Bishop has accepted Paul’s request. We are immensely grateful to Rev Boshell for his selfless and generous service to our parish and diocese in many ways since 1997. “Paul would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement that you have given him over the years; it was a great privilege to serve you all”. We hope to meet together as a parish community to say thank you to Paul.

**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, which will include addressing any Health and safety concerns. Thank you.

**2. Gift Aid Claim 2020 – 2021**

Thank you to everyone who is making extra efforts to contribute to the parish finances. It is really appreciated. Catherine Arkley is working on the Gift Aid claim for the last financial year and is trying to make sure we claim as much as we’re entitled. If you’ve made an on-line donation or donated via cheque during the year, Catherine may contact you to ask if the donation can be given under gift aid if she doesn’t have a valid gift aid declaration for you. She would really appreciate it if you would reply to her emails whether it’s returning a signed declaration or to let her know that the gift is not eligible for Gift Aid. If you’re making a donation or an offering for a mass, whether cash or cheque, please would you add the following information to accompany your gift:

- 1 Whether we can claim Gift Aid.
- 2 Your full name, address and postcode.
- 3 The date of your gift.

Thank you again for your on-going support.

**3. 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
- **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 me at Melbourne.**

**4. Co-ordinators for the hiring of Hall**

**Melbourne:** Rosemary Smith (email: rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com); **Castle Donington:** Rachel Hallam (email: themattingleyfamily@gmail.com)

## 5. 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 need to cancel you can return use the Cancel option button on the website 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](mailto:mcd.joel@outlook.com) or 01332862631**

## 6. 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](mailto:tstanyard@gmail.com)

## 7. Online Coffee Morning

Our virtual (extraordinary) coffee/tea morning via ZOOM will take place on 7/8/21 immediately after the Rosary which starts at 9.40am. It lasts until 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

## 9. Other streamed Mass

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

## 10. 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.



**God's love for humanity hungry for bread, freedom, justice, peace, and above all for his divine grace, never fails. Jesus continues today to feed, to make himself a living and consoling**

presence, and he does so through us. Therefore the Gospel invites us to be available and hard working, like that youth who, realizing he had five loaves, says: "I contribute this, then you will see [to it] ...". Faced with the cry of hunger all types of "hunger" of many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot be detached and calm spectators. The proclamation of Christ, Bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity toward the poor, the weak, the least ones, the defenceless. This action of proximity and charity is the best test of the quality of our faith, both at the personal level and at the community level - *Pope Francis*.

**First reading**

**Exodus 16:2-4,12-15**

**A reading from the Book of Exodus**

*The Lord sends manna from heaven*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.' **The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm 77**

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us,  
these we will not hide from their children but will tell them to the next generation:

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

the glories of the Lord and his might and the marvellous deeds he has done,

Yet he commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food;

So he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Second reading

**Ephesians 4:17,20-24**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*Put aside your old self and put on the new*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt 4: 4**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 6:24-35**

*It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**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.*

