

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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Confessions: Sat: C.D 4.30 pm
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LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This Week: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: 1 Kings 19: 4-8. 12-15; Ps.33; Ephesians 4, 30-5:2; John 6: 41-51. [Click on the link to the readings https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm](https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm)

Next Week: Twentieth Sunday of the Year: Proverbs 9: 1-6; Ps. 33; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58.

Sunday, 08/08 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)	19th Sunday of the Year	
Monday, 09/8/21 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast)	8.30 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, 10/8/21 St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)	6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Gabrielle Hurrell (RIP)
Wednesday, 11/8/21 St Clare. Virgin (Memorial)	9.15 am Mass	Weekday Mass	Peter & Nicola Webb (RIP)
Thursday, 12/8/21	*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.00 pm Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Peg & Tom Murray (RIP)
Friday, 13/8/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Saturday, 14/8/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	Brendan McLaughlin (RIP)

Sunday, 15/8/21	10.30 am Melbourne	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	
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****All Masses in the Melbourne Church incorporate zoom technology until further notice****

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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.**

6. 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.

7. Reader at Mass

The reading rotas are being updated for the two churches. If you are a current reader and would like to continue, please do not reply to this message. If you decide not to continue reading at Mass, please let Fr Joel know by the next weekend so that we remove your name. We are happy to welcome new readers. Just indicate your interest to Fr Joel.

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

8. Online Coffee Morning

Our virtual (extraordinary) coffee/tea morning via ZOOM will take place on 14/8/21 immediately after the Rosary which starts at 9.40am. It lasts until 12.00 noon. 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. 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 - she is the Route Section Team Leader for the Birmingham to Nottingham stage of the relay.



With this attitude of faith, we can also understand the meaning of the “Bread of Life” that Jesus gives us, and which he describes in this way: “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh” (Jn 6:51). In Jesus, in his “flesh” – that is, in his concrete humanity – is all the love of God, which is the Holy Spirit. Those who let themselves be drawn by this love go to Jesus and go with faith, and receive from Him life, eternal life -Pope Francis.

First reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first Book of the Kings

The angel gives Elijah food to reach the mountain of God

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33

R. 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. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me, from all my terrors he set me free. ®

3. Look towards him and be radiant; Let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called and the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. ®

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ®

Second reading Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jn6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:41-51

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God*, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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.