

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>

5 September 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This Week: Twenty Third Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 35: 4-7; Ps 145; James 2:1-5; mark 7: 31-37. [Click on the link to the readings https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm](https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm)

Next Week: Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 50: 5-9; Ps 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35.

Sunday, 5/9 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)	23 rd Sunday of the Year B	
Monday, 6/9/21	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, 7/9/21	6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday, 8/9/21 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	<u>6.00pm Melbourne</u>	Weekday Mass	The Cormack family intention
Thursday, 9/9/21	*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	

Friday, 10/9/21	9.15 am Mass		
Saturday, 11/9/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	
Sunday, 12/9/21	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	24rd 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. Gift aid envelope no 33

*Someone appears to have taken a box of gift aid envelopes - number 33 - and is using them. We have no idea who the donor is and therefore can't claim gift aid. It would be good to know who they are so we can sort out the gift aid status. Can the person please contact Fr Joel.

9. Talk on Assisted Suicide by Baroness Grey-Thompson on Thursday September 9th

On Thursday September 9th at 730pm, Baroness Grey-Thompson will deliver a talk entitled, 'Assisted Dying: A Win for Autonomy or a Loss for Civil Society?'

Baroness Grey-Thompson, is a former Paralympian, disability rights campaigner, member of the House of Lords and opponent of legalised physician assisted-suicide who will address the Diocese on this vital moral issue, via Zoom. If you would like to attend this exclusive talk, please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk in order to register.



At the beginning of our Christian life, at baptism, it is precisely this gesture and word of Jesus that are present: "Ephphatha!" "Be opened!". And behold the miracle has been worked. We are healed of the deafness of selfishness and the impediment of being closed in on ourselves, and of sin, and we have been inserted into the great family of the Church. We can hear God who speaks to us and communicates his Word to those who have never before heard it, or to the one who has forgotten it and buried it in the thorns of the anxieties and the traps of the world.

– **Pope Francis.**

First reading

Isaiah 35: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm 145

My soul give praise to the Lord

- a. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.
- b. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.
- c. The Lord uploads the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age top age, Alleluia.

Second reading

James 2: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark

7: 31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' **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.