

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>
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26 September 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This Week: Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year: Numbers 11: 25-29; Ps 18; James 5: 1-6; Mark 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48. [Click on the link to the readings https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm](https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm)

Next Week: Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year: Genesis 2: 18-24; Ps 127; Hebrews 2: 9:11; Mark 10: 2-16.

Sunday, 26/9 /21	9.00am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)	26th Sunday of the Year B	
Monday, 27/9/21 St Vincent de Paul, priest (memorial)	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, 28/9/21	6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	Aidan McManus RIP.
Wednesday, 29/9/21 Archangel Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels (Feast)	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	

Thursday, 30/9/21 St Jerome, priest & doctor (Memorial)	*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	Ollie Larkin (RIP)
Friday, 01/10/21 St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor, (Memorial)	9.15 am Mass Melbourne		
Saturday, 02/10/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	Ollie Larkin (RIP)
Sunday, 03/10/21	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	27th Sunday of the Year B	Maria Assunt Muscat (RIP)

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

1. Counters needed

Please we need counters, as a matter of urgency, otherwise the money will not be counted in the succeeding weeks and months. If you are happy to volunteer, please contact Fr Joel asap. Those in the old rota, are you happy to continue? Please let Fr Joel know.

2. Changes to Masses from October

There will be no need to book for Mass. Please ensure that Fr Joel has your upto date contact details. A QR code will be available for those who have the NHS app. The chairs in Castle Donington will remain as they are but not allocated by day.

We need more people to become welcomers. Please let Fr Joel or Rachel Hallam for CD. For Melbourne, readers are to become welcomers as well.

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 coffee morning in CD will hold in October. For Melbourne, we still need 6 volunteer to organise it, which means each having a commitment once every 3 months. Interested volunteers should kindly contact Helen Payne via email: Helen.payne10@btinternet.com or Fr Joel.

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. Red boxes

Red box holders please bring them to church so that Catherine Murray can collect them and bank the money. She didn't do it last year because of covid; so even if people haven't got much in them, kindly bring the boxes, every little helps the Missions. The Melbourne ones can be handed over to Fr Joel.

9. Cleaning of the Church in Castle Donington

Christine and two others will be cleaning our CD Church on Thursday 30th September at 10am. They need two more volunteers to work with them. Kindly help if you can.



God's great freedom in giving himself to us represents a challenge and an exhortation to modify our behaviours and our relationships. It is the invitation which Jesus addresses to us today. **He calls us** not to think according to the categories of 'friend/enemy', 'us/them', 'those who are in/those who are out', 'mine/yours', but rather to go beyond, **to open our heart in order to be able to recognize God's presence and action, even in unusual and unpredictable environments that are not part of our circle.** It is a matter of being more attentive to the authenticity of the good, the beautiful and the true that is done, rather than to the name and the origin of the one who does it. And as the remaining part of the Gospel suggests to us today **instead of judging others, we must examine ourselves** and 'sever', without compromise, all that can scandalize those persons who are weakest in faith – **Pope Francis.**

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.*