

**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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**19 September 2021**

**LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1**

**READINGS:** This Week: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20; Ps 53; James 3: 16-4:3; Mark 9: 30-37. [Click on the link to the readings https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm](https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm)

Next Week: Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year: 11: 25-29; Ps 18; James 5: 1-6; Mark 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48.

Sunday, 19/9 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating <b>Zoom</b> )	25th Sunday of the Year B	
Monday, 20/9/21 <b>St Andrew Kim Taegon &amp; companions, martyrs (Memorial)</b>	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	Martyn Hewitt (RIP)
Tuesday, 21/9/21 <b>St Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist (Feast)</b>	6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	Well-being of the Murray Family
Wednesday, 22/9/21		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday, 23/9/21	<b>*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration</b>		

<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (Memorial)</b>	<b>6.00 pm Castle Donington</b>	Weekday Mass	
Friday, 24/9/21 <b>Our Lady of Walsingham (Memorial)</b>	9.15 am Mass		
Saturday, 25/9/21	5.00 pm Castle Donington	Vigil Mass	
Sunday, 26/9/21	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B</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](mailto:rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com));

**Castle Donington:** Rachel Hallam (email: [themattingleyfamily@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 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**

## 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. Coffee Morning in Melbourne

Unfortunately, there will be no coffee morning at the St Mary's Hall this September because there are no volunteers to run it. Please we 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](mailto:Helen.payne10@btinternet.com) or Fr Joel.



***The call to serve involves something special, to which we must be attentive. Serving means caring for their vulnerability. Caring for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people. Theirs are the suffering, fragile and downcast faces which Jesus tells us specifically to look at and which he asks us to love. With a love which takes shape in our actions and decisions. With a love which finds expression in whatever tasks we, as citizens, are called to perform. It is people of flesh and blood, people with individual lives and stories, and with all their frailty, that Jesus asks us to protect, to care for and to serve. Being a Christian entails promoting the dignity of our brothers and sisters, fighting for it, living for it. That is why Christians are constantly called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable— 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.*