

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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12 September 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS: This Week: Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 50: 5-9; Ps 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35. [Click on the link to the readings https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm](https://www.universalis.com/20210131/mass.htm)

Next Week: Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year: Wisdom 12: 17-20; Ps 53; James 3: 16-4:3; Mark 9: 30-37.

Sunday, 12/9 /21	10.30 am Melbourne (incorporating Zoom)	24th Sunday of the Year B	
Monday, 13/9/21 St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor (Memorial)	9.15 am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Tuesday, 14/9/21 Exaltation of the Cross (Feast)	6.00 pm Castle Donington	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday, 15/9/21 Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)	9.15am Melbourne	Weekday Mass	
Thursday, 16/9/21	*5.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration	Weekday Mass	

Ss. Cornelius, pope & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs (Memorial)	6.00 pm Castle Donington		
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	25th 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. Cleaning of the Melbourne Church

On Monday 6/9/21, after the 9.15am Mass, thanks to Luisa, Rosemary, Buffy and Christine who took on the challenge of cleaning our beautiful, historic church in Melbourne! It took them two and a half hours but it was worth it! Fr Joel kindly provided biscuits and milk and Luisa made the coffee to keep them going! BUT we do need more help to do this; it took them a long time and they didn't do everything! If you could please spare some time (it doesn't need to be two and a half hours) to help keep our lovely churches clean could you please 'phone me on 01332 810 352 or send an email to christinegill29@gmail.com.



It comes to light that Jesus is considered by the people as a great prophet. But, in reality, he is not interested in the opinions and gossip of the people. He also does not agree that his disciples should answer the questions with pre-packaged formulas, quoting well-known individuals from Sacred Scripture, because a faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith. The Lord wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him, and thus to embrace him at the centre of their life. For this reason he spurs them to face themselves honestly, and he asks: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 29). Today, Jesus

addresses this very direct and confidential question to each of us: “You, who do you say that I am? All of you, who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?” – **Pope Francis.**

First reading

Isaiah 50: 5-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

I offered my back to those who struck me
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me? **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial psalm

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I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord, my God, deliver me!

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;

our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

He has kept my soul from death,

my eyes from tears

and my feet from stumbling.

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Second reading

James 2: 14-18

A reading from the letter of St. James

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14: 6.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Mark 8: 27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,

turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.