

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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Confessions: Sat: C.D 4.30 pm
Sun: Melbourne 10:00 am

26 December 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS: This Week: The Holy Family: Eccl 3:2-6. 12-14; Ps.127; Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 41-52.
Next Week: Second Sunday after Christmas: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Ps. 95; Corinthians: 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-22.

Weekly Masses

Sunday 26 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Ben & Jennifer Chong Intentions.
Feast of Holy Family	10.30am	Melbourne	
Monday 27 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
St John, Apostle			
Tuesday 28 December	6.00pm	Castle Donington	Peg & Tom Murray (RIP)
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs			
Wednesday 29 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr			
Thursday 30 December	5.00pm 6.00pm	Castle Donington Castle Donington	Holy Hour* Kathleen Murray's Intentions.
Friday 31 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
Saturday 01 January	5.00pm	Castle Donington	
Vigil			
Sunday 02 January	9.00am 10.30am	Castle Donington Melbourne	Mary Reilly's Intentions

The Masses in Melbourne will incorporate zoom technology until further notice

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

We Need Volunteers – your chance to get involved – please discuss with Father Joel:

- Counters
- Welcomers
- Coffee morning

Key Information

Parish Account - for donations Sort code: 30-96-18; Account Number: 00347882

Hall Rental Contacts - Melbourne: Rosemary Smith (email: rosemarysmith34@btinternet.com)
 Castle Donington: Rachel Hallam (email: themattingleyfamily@gmail.com)



Afghanistan Appeal (1st week £509) (2nd week £141.00) (3rd week £161)
 (4th week £265.67).

Coming Events

Week of prayer for Christian Unity in Melbourne

This will be hosted by Melbourne Catholic Church on 16/1/22 at 6.00pm. We need volunteers to help.

Dates for your Diary		
Saturday 5.2.2022	10-noon	Coffee Morning Castle Donington
Tuesday, 1.3.2022	7pm	Dessert and Wine Evening £5
Saturday, 5.3.2022	10-noon	Coffee Morning Castle Donington
Friday, 1.4.2022	7pm	Surprise Soup Evening £5
Saturday, 2.4.2022	10-noon	Easter 'Eggstravaganza'

100 Club Winners first draw December 2021

- 1st. 06 Mike McGhee
- 2nd. 11 Debbie Smith
- 3rd. 19 Malcolm Taylor

Winners second draw December 2021

- 1st. 77 Ellen Douglas
- 2nd. 52 Mike McGhee
- 3rd. 32 Josephine Knight



How important it is for our families *to journey together towards a single goal!* We know that we have a road to travel together; a road along which we encounter difficulties but also enjoy moments of joy and consolation. And on this pilgrimage of life we also share in moments of prayer. In the same way, it is important for families to join in a brief *prayer before meals*, in order to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need. These are all little gestures, yet they point to the great formative role played by the family in the pilgrimage of everyday life. Let us not lose confidence in the family! It is beautiful when we can always open our hearts to one another, and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness – **Pope Francis.**

The Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.