

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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

28 November 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS: This Week: First Sunday of Advent C: Jere 33: 14-16; Ps. 24; 1 Thess 3: 12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36. Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent C: Baruch 5: 1-9; Ps. 125; Phil 1:3-6.8-11; Luke 3: 1-6.

Weekly Masses

Sunday 28 November	9.00am	Castle Donington	Tommy Reilly (RIP)
1 st Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Melbourne	
Monday 29 November	8.45am	Melbourne	
Tuesday 30 November Feria	6.00pm	Castle Donington	Moira Rose McGuckin (RIP)
Wednesday 01 December	No Mass		
Thursday 02 December Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Castle Donington Castle Donington	Holy Hour* Greg Oconnor, Benadette Gilroy & Family
Friday 03 December Feria	9.20am	Melbourne	
Saturday 04 December Vigil	5.00pm	Castle Donington	Moira Rose McGuckin (RIP)
Sunday 05 December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.00am 10.30am	Castle Donington Melbourne	Annette Ward - Thanksgiving

All Masses in the Melbourne Church 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 mornin9

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)

Coming Events

Coffee Morning - Castle Donington 4th December.

Christmas Confessions – As we expect the birth of Christ our Saviour, the Church invites us to use the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare our minds and hearts. A visiting priest will be helping us with auricular confessions: Castle Donington 18/12/21 4.00pm-5.00pm; Melbourne 19/12/21 9.30am-10.30am. Kindly utilise this great moment of sanctifying grace. There will be leaflets at the porch on how to prepare for confession. Please pick one and read.

Children's Liturgy -We are planning on starting Children's Liturgy beginning 17/10. Because of Covid still being around we will hold C/L on alternate Sundays. The dates are 17/10, 31/10, 14/11, 28/11, 12/12, & 26/12. We would find your suggestions and comments helpful. Please contact Meryl Baldwin acting on behalf of the Children's Liturgy team on meryl.brown.baldwin@gmail.com or on 01332 865352.



Tombola and Raffle Prizes

We are in need of tombola and raffle prizes for our 'Christmas Cracker' coffee morning in December. We would like them to be Christmas treats, decorations, candles, wine or spirits, or stocking fillers. Please leave them in the basket by the entrance to the church or contact Linda Wordsworth 07967380135 for collection.



Afghanistan Appeal

As you all know, there is a crisis in Afghanistan affecting families.

Our **Advent project** is aimed at raising money to help feed children in this war-torn country. **£33 will feed a child for 3 weeks.** All through the Advent Season, we will have a second collection to be donated to this Unicef project. Please be generous.

Winners 01/10/2021: 1st. 30 Linda

Wordsworth; 2nd. 75 Paul Slee;

3rd. 27 David Wright.

Winners 02/10/2021: 1st. 15 Maria Rowe;

2nd. 24 Mary Wallis; 3rd. 01 Graham Sutcliffe.

Winners 01/11/2021: 1st. 92 Paula Payne; 2nd.

99 Grace Burton; 3rd. 76 Linda Wordsworth.

Winners 02/11/ 2021

1st. 57 Malcolm Taylor; 2nd. 12 Ralph

Kerr; 3rd. 10 Pat Cormack.



Today Advent begins, the liturgical time which prepares us for Christmas, inviting us to lift our gaze and open our hearts to welcome Jesus. **During Advent we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ – when he will return at the end of time – preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter: the day in which the Lord will call – 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.

