

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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

19 December 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS: This Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5: 1-4; Ps.79; Hebrew 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-44.
Next Week: The Holy Family: Eccl 3:2-6. 12-14; Ps.127; Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 41-52.

Weekly Masses

Sunday 19 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Christopher & Kathleen McGuckin
4 th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Melbourne	The Bilton Family - Thanksgiving
Monday 20 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
Tuesday 21 December	6.00pm	Castle Donington	Betty & Pat U'Kane Ints.
Wednesday 22 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
Thursday 23 December	5.00pm	Castle Donington	Holy Hour*
Feria	6.00pm	Castle Donington	Pete & Nicola Webb (RIP)
Friday 24 December	9.00pm	Melbourne	
Christmas Vigil			
Saturday 25 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Collette McGuckin Ints.
Christmas Day	10.30am	Melbourne	
Sunday 26 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Ben & Jennifer Chong Ints.
The Holy Family	10.30am	Melbourne	

The 9.00am Mass in Castle Donington on 19/12/21 will incorporate zoom technology

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)

Coming Events

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.

Christmas Masses - 24/12/21 Christmas Virgil at Melbourne 9.00pm; 25/12/21 Christmas Day 9.00am at Castle Donington and 10.30am at Melbourne.

Children’s Liturgy - The date is 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.



Afghanistan Appeal (1st week £509) (2nd week £141.00) (3rd week £161)

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.

Castle Donington Carols in the Marketplace

Christmas Eve 6pm

If anyone would be interested in stewarding, please contact Rachel Hallam.

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, 18.12.2021	4-5pm	Confessions Castle Donington
Sunday, 19.12.2021	9.30-10.30am	Confessions Melbourne
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



The liturgy of this Fourth Sunday of Advent focuses on the figure of Mary, the Virgin Mother, expecting the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Let us fix our gaze upon her, a model of *faith* and of *charity* – **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.

