

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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

**05 December 2021**

**LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 2**

**READINGS:** This Week: Second Sunday of Advent C: Baruch 5: 1-9; Ps. 125; Phil 1:3-6.8-11; Luke 3:1-6.  
Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent C: Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Ps. 12; Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18.

### Weekly Masses

Sunday 05 December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.00am 10.30am	Castle Donington Melbourne	Annette Ward - Thanksgiving
Monday 06 December	9.20am	Melbourne	Eileen Gill (RIP)
Tuesday 07 December St Ambrose, Bp. & Dr (memorial)	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wednesday 08 December Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Solemnity)	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	
Thursday 09 December Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	Castle Donington Castle Donington	<b>Holy Hour*</b> Margaret & Gilbey Hogan ints.
Friday 10 December Feria	9.20am	Melbourne	
Saturday 11 December Vigil	5.00pm	Castle Donington	Constance O'Mara (RIP)
Sunday 12 December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.00am 10.30am	Castle Donington Melbourne	Alban & May Greaves (RIP)

**\*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](mailto: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)  
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## 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** -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 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.



## Afghanistan Appeal (1<sup>st</sup> week £509)

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.

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The witness of John the Baptist helps us to go forward in our witness of life. The purity of his proclamation, his courage in proclaiming the truth were able to reawaken the expectation and hope in the Messiah that had long been dormant. Today too, Jesus' disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let each of us ask ourselves: how can I change something in my attitude, in order to prepare the way of the Lord? – **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.