

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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

12 December 2021

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS: This Week: Third Sunday of Advent C: Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Ps. 12; Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18. Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent C: Micah 5: 1-4; Ps. 79; Hebrew 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-44.

Weekly Masses

Sunday 12 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Alban & May Greaves (RIP)
3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Melbourne	Peter Neavun - Thanksgiving
Monday 13 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (M)			
Tuesday 14 December	9.20am	Castle Donington	Kieran Murray (RIP)
St John of the Cross (M)			
Wednesday 15 December	No Mass		
Thursday 16 December	5.00pm	Castle Donington	Holy Hour*
Feria	6.00pm	Castle Donington	Jim Robinson (RIP)
Friday 17 December	9.20am	Melbourne	
Feria			
Saturday 18 December	5.00pm	Castle Donington	Aileen & Terry Rogers intentions
Vigil			
Sunday 19 December	9.00am	Castle Donington	Christopher & Kathleen McGuckin
4 th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Melbourne	The Bilton Family - 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 morning

What a cracker!

21/11/21 The extraordinary coffee morning in Melbourne raised £238.00

04/12/21 The coffee morning in Castle Donington raised £524.78.

Thanks to all of you who helped, contributed, and came.



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 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 (1st week £509) (2nd week £141.00)

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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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'



Today we are called to rejoice for the imminent coming of our Redeemer; and we are called to share this joy with others, giving comfort and hope to the poor, the sick, and to people who are lonely and unhappy. May the Virgin Mary, the "handmaid of the Lord", help us to hear God's voice in prayer and to serve him with compassion in our brothers, so as to be prepared for the Christmas appointment, preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus. – **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.

