

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY A / WEEKDAY 1

## READINGS:

This week: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.

Next week: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Isaiah 36:1-10; Psalm 145; 1 James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.



## MASSES & LITURGIES

Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Jane Gatt RIP
Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish Maria Moulst RIP
Monday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Tuesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington		Edith & Laurance Arthurs RIP
Wednesday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne	St. Ambrose	Alban Greaves RIP
Thursday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington Mass & Reconciliation Service	Immaculate Conception	Cathie McKay [intentions]
Friday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	—	—
Saturday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	James Morrison RIP
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish David Hatley RIP

**ADVENT PROJECT:** Retiring collections continue through Advent at all Sunday Masses for our Advent Project, which this year is for Hospice Hope. We are raising money to buy armchairs for this cancer charity's new drop-in centre. Last week's collection: **£138.46.**



**ADVENT PREPARATIONS:** Events for Advent to prepare us for the great feast of Christmas:

**THIS WEEK: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00 pm. Advent Reconciliation Service and Mass [Castle Donington]  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December: 2.00-4.00pm Children's Social Event in St. Mary's Hall**



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions followed by Mass at 6.30 pm. [Melbourne]

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Mince Pie Giveaway, Melbourne Churches Together.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30 am Nativity Presentation during Mass [Melbourne]

6.30 pm. Christmas Readings and Carols at Melbourne Anglican Church.

**POOL COTTAGE:** It's our turn to provide the religious service this week at Pool Cottage on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3.00 pm. Father Anthony would appreciate help from parishioners and the residents would love someone to talk to.



# LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

EVENT FOR CHILDREN

This Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 till 4.00 pm  
in St. Mary's Hall, Melbourne.



Christmas activities and a light tea for children of the parish up to the age of 11.

The important thing is for children to turn up, so parents please make this a priority for them.

There'll be craftwork, games, cakes, squash and lots of fun.

Shopping, football etc. can wait for another time.

*It would help if parents could bring cakes and sweet treats for the children.*

*Volunteers to help are very welcome - tell Father Anthony today what you will be doing.*

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**FREE MONEY:** Using **EASY FUNDRAISING** to buy your Christmas shopping you can put free money into the parish account. Those already registered with Easy Fundraising have so far put **£1,300** into our parish account with absolutely no cost to themselves. If you shop online, you can do this throughout the year but at Christmas, when people buy extra, there is the opportunity to raise even more.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Christmas falls on a weekend this year.

**Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 pm Midnight' Mass [Melbourne]**

**Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 am [Castle Donington];  
10.30 am [Melbourne]**

There is no 5.00 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, the 10.00 pm Mass replaces it.

You encouraged to attend the traditional 'Midnight Mass' on Christmas Eve in Melbourne.



**THANK YOU OF THE WEEK:** To everyone who helped with and supported the Christmas Cracker Coffee Morning. A good time was had by all. Hard work but worth it.

Thanks to the organisers and supporters of the Wine Tasting – you raised **£329** for the parish.

If you would like to place an order, fill in an order form and hand it to Bridie or Father Anthony. The organisers will give £1 to parish funds for every bottle ordered.

**CHOIR FOR MIDNIGHT MASS:** As usual, we need singers to augment our regular choir to provide the singing at the Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass' in Melbourne. Perhaps this year we'll have more of a response. The choir adds a lot to our Christmas liturgy so think about helping out.



**THE SICK:** Please pray for the recovery of our parishioners, family members and friends who are ill, including Tom O'Connor, Jean Wilson, Margaret Warwick, Ian Dingley, Edwin Knight, Robert Burns, Kevin Kelly, Colette McGuckin, Roseanne Kelly, Jill Beasley, Dominic Bergin and our parishioners in care homes.



**PRAY FOR:** The repose of the souls of Thomas Train, William Howe, Maritta Walder, Lily Leavers, Tommy Reilly, Edith Arthurs, Alban Greaves, Jennie Warner, Nora Toomey, Elizabeth Whootton, Doris Barber, Jan Kozlowski and Helen Denton, whose anniversaries are this week.

Also for Bob Prophet who died last weekend. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December

6<sup>th</sup> Pool Cottage Service

8<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Reconciliation [CD]

10<sup>th</sup> 2.00 pm Children's Event [M]

14<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm Confessions & Mass [M]

17<sup>th</sup> Great Mince Pie Giveaway [M]

18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Nativity Play [M]

6.30 pm Lessons & Carols [M]

**ONLY JOKING:** A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card.

It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation.

In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."

