

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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**LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY A / WEEKDAY 1**

**READINGS:** This week:

This week: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.

Next week: *PALM SUNDAY: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Passion - Matthew*



**MASSES & LITURGIES**

Saturday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Tommy Reilly RIP
Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	Myra Redmond RIP People of the Parish
Monday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne		
Tuesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington		Myra Redmond RIP
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne [Mass] 6.00 pm Melbourne [Stations of the Cross & Confessions]		
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington		
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	-	-
Saturday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Paul & Mary Borg – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	PALM SUNDAY	Eileen O’Kane RIP Gordon Bellamy RIP

**LENT** Our Lent spiritual activity this week:

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm. Stations of the Cross followed by individual confessions. (Melbourne)**



**PARISH LENT PROJECT** to support the work in Syria of Aid to the Church in Need: **Total so far: £823.29.**



**CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** We need singers to complement the choir for Holy Week. The practices to rehearse the music will take place:

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 10 am** after the 9.00 am Mass in Castle Donington, to practise the non-accompanied music for Maundy Thursday and the parts of the Easter Vigil.

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.00 pm** in Melbourne, with the organist, to practise the accompanied music for Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, at 2.00 pm** in Castle Donington to practise the Good Friday music prior to the service.

**THANK YOU OF THE WEEK:** To Bridie for her work in organising the Table Top Sale last weekend. We could do with more such initiatives in the parish.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES



### **PALM SUNDAY: April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>: 5.00 pm: Vigil Mass: Blessing of Palms & Vigil Mass [CD]

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>: 9.00 am: Blessing of Palms & Mass [CD]

### **10.30 am: Blessing of Palms, procession and Mass [M]**

We recreate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, beginning in the garden with the blessing of palms and continuing with Mass.



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper [M]** - followed by watching until 9.00 pm.

We re-enact the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and instituted the Eucharist. We then remember his agony in the garden of Gethsemane and arrest as we process with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose. The main altar is stripped to signify the desolation of Jesus' followers.



### **GOOD FRIDAY: April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**3.00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion [CD]**

The most moving of the Holy Week liturgies. We hear the Passion from St. John's gospel, pray for the needs of the world, venerate the cross and receive Holy Communion.



### **EASTER VIGIL: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 pm: The Easter Vigil Liturgy and Mass [M]**

The New Fire, symbolising the risen Christ, is lit in the garden. The procession into church with the paschal candle brings the light of Christ to the world. Scripture readings tell the story of our salvation and we renew our baptismal vows before the first Mass of Easter.



### **EASTER SUNDAY: April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 am: Mass of Easter Day [CD]**

**10.30 am: Mass of Easter Day [M]** - followed by our traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH POLL:** In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. They will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith. If you are aged between 13-29, the Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code.

**THE SICK:** Pray in charity for the recovery of our parishioners, family members and friends who are ill, including Edwin Knight, Robert Burns, Kevin Kelly, Colette McGuckin, Roseanne Kelly, Jill Beasley and our parishioners in care homes.



**PRAY FOR:** The repose of the souls of Frank Ennis, Peter Shone, Kathleen Gillham, Margaret McKiernan, Henry Hodges, James Power and Dennis Gaffney, whose anniversaries are this week.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **April**

25<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> PPC Meeting [M]

#### **May**

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

14<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Service

### ONLY JOKING:

A very gracious lady was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the post office clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

