

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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

**READINGS:** This week:

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

*Next week: EASTER SUNDAY: Readings vary depending on the Mass.*

*Following week: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31*

**MASSES & LITURGIES**

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
Monday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Tuesday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington		Chris Linthwaite RIP
Wednesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30 am - open to all.	
Thursday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Melbourne	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Friday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm Castle Donington	GOOD FRIDAY	–
Saturday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 pm Melbourne	EASTER VIGIL	People of the Parish
Sunday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	EASTER SUNDAY	Fred & Ellen Axe RIP
Monday & Tuesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS	
Wednesday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Thursday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm Castle Donington		
Friday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO MASS		
Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	
Sunday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER	

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Paul & Mary Borg on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



ACN

**PARISH LENT PROJECT** to support the work in Syria of Aid to the Church in Need. **Total so far: £1151.77**  
*Quote from ACN: As civil war rages in Syria, families in Aleppo have been left with no jobs, facing extortionate prices for food and goods and with only the merest help to survive. With your help, Sister Annie is working to help them but she desperately needs more funds.*

**Today is your last chance to donate to this year’s Lent appeal to ACN help the people of Syria.**

**CHURCH CLEANING IN MELBOURNE:** Volunteers are required to get the church spick and span for the Holy Week liturgies. Church cleaning will take place after Mass tomorrow, Monday April 10th, from 9.30 am onwards. Volunteer(s) needed to clean the glass panels at the back of church.



**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 follow Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, beginning in the garden with the blessing of palms.



**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 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 as we follow Jesus' passion and death. 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.



**MELBOURNE CHURCHES TOGETHER CROSS:** will be outside our church this year. Would parents attending the Easter Sunday Mass bring flowers to decorate the cross during the Children's Liturgy?



**CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:** Practices will take place on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.00 pm** in Melbourne and on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, at 2.00 pm** in Castle Donington, prior to the Good Friday liturgy.

**100 CLUB:** Latest winners: 1<sup>st</sup> No.19 Geraldine Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> No.17 Peter Metcalfe; 3<sup>rd</sup> No.52 Tom O'Connor.

**THANK YOU OF THE WEEK:** To everyone who organised, helped with or donated Easter eggs for the Eggstravaganza last weekend, raising just over £240.



**Thank You!!!**

**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 Charles Underwood, Dorothy Ivatt, Ann Tingle, Josephine Neaves, Elizabeth Moore, Margaret Talewski, Francis and Lily Pass, James McCann, Margaret Sylvester, Louise Dempster, Brendan Flannery, Milie Lawlor and Margaret Biffen, , whose anniversaries are this week.

*Next week's anniversaries: Agnes Thorn, Paul O'Dowd, William Arundel, Francis Maciewski, Patrick Kavanagh, John Hunt, Josephine Hibbert, Priscilla Black, Stanislaus Stachiwak, Sarah Flynn, and Bill Murray*

**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:** It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Sammy complained. 'The one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

