

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY B / WEEKDAY 2

READINGS: 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT: Isaiah 63:16f,64:1-8; Ps. 79; 1 Co. 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.
Next week: 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps. 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.



MASSES & LITURGIES

Saturday, December 2 nd	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Cathie McKay (intentions)
Sunday, December 3 rd	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	1 st SUNDAY of ADVENT	John Caffrey RIP Eleanor Wake RIP
Monday, December 4 th	9.00 am Melbourne		Elizabeth & Bartholomew Wilson RIP
Tuesday, December 5 th	6.00 pm Castle Donington		Thanksgiving
Weds. December 6 th	9.00 am Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Thursday, December 7 th	6.00 pm Castle Donington	St. Ambrose	Alban Greaves RIP
Friday, December 8 th	NO MASS	-	-
Saturday, December 9 th	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Caroline Saxelby (intentions)
Sunday, December 10 th	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	2 nd SUNDAY of ADVENT	People of the Parish Bellamy & Sinagra Families RIP

RETIRING COLLECTION: For our Advent Project:



ADVENT PROJECT

This year we will support the YMCA hostel in Derby for their Christmas Safety Campaign, in which they supply accommodation, food, safety and support for homeless young people.

ADVENT SPIRITUALITY: Advent begins next Sunday. To prepare ourselves in a fitting way, we are invited to take part in the following events:

**THIS WEEK: Service of Reconciliation and Mass
Thursday, December 7th: 6.00 pm., Castle Donington.**

December 3rd: 6.30 pm. **Advent Readings & Carols:** Melbourne Anglican church. All welcome.

December 5th: 2.00 pm. **Advent Service** given by Mother's Union, Melbourne Anglican church.

December 17th: 10.30 am. **Nativity Play**, Melbourne church, during Mass.

6.30 pm. **Traditional Lessons and Carols** at Melbourne Anglican church.



Last week's collection for Poor & Needy Parishes raised **£201.49**



THANK YOU OF THE WEEK: To Paul Boshell who balances our accounts every month.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

As Christmas Eve falls on Sunday evening, the times of Sunday Masses have been changed. Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent are not Christmas Masses. Nor is the Midnight Mass a Sunday Mass.

Saturday, December 23rd: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent: Castle Donington

[There is no 9.00 am Mass in Castle Donington on Sunday]

Sunday, December 24th: 10.00 am Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent: Melbourne

Christmas Masses: Sunday December 24th: 10.00 pm Midnight Mass: Melbourne

Monday, December 25th: 9.00 am Mass: Castle Donington

10.30 am Mass: Melbourne



THE MASS TRANSLATION: Many of us wrote to the Bishops' Conference regarding the Pope's declaration that Bishop's Conferences can now prepare and use their own Mass translations. It was discussed at the last meeting and the message back, according to the Tablet, is 'Grin and Bear It'. The Bishops consulted the CDF, the very Vatican department that wants to keep the power to itself. Coincidentally, there is a soon to be published a DVD and book, 'Exploring the Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols'! The book and DVD are intended to help young people and adults understand and participate in the Mass. If the language were more current, much less explanation would be needed, and participation would not be such an effort.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY: To be presented during Mass at Melbourne on Sunday, December 17th. Practices are during Mass as follows:

December 3rd Practice & Costume fitting; 10th Dress Rehearsal.

Please make sure that you bring your children to Mass on the Sundays leading up to the play.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER: On **Saturday, December 16th**, from 2.00 till 4.30 pm, there will be a children's Christmas film (The Grinch? Cinderella? Polar Express? Etc?) followed by a shared party table in St. Mary's Hall, Melbourne. The film will be suitable for all ages. Please add this to your children's social engagements. Volunteers are needed to help run the event. If you would like to provide a food or drink contribution for the party, please add your name to the list on the church notice board.



THE SICK: Pray for the recovery of our parishioners, family members and friends who are ill, including Ian Dingley, John Sutton, Patrick McKiernan, Brian Sutcliffe, Edwin Knight, Robert Burns, Kevin Kelly, Roseanne Kelly, Jill Beasley, Angela Scouler, Rosia Williams, Michael McIvove and our parishioners in care homes.



PRAY FOR: The repose of the souls of Thomas Train, William Howe, Maritta Walder, Lily Leavers, Edith Arthurs, Alban Greaves, Jennie Warner, Nora Toomey and Elizabeth Whootton, whose anniversaries are this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

7th 6.00 pm Reconciliation Service [CD]

16th 2.00pm Children's film & party [M]

17th Nativity Play [M]

February

13th Shrove Tuesday Feast [M]

ONLY JOKING:

