

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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16TH DECEMBER 2018

LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS:

This Week: *3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.*

Next week: *4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44.*



MASSES & LITURGIES

Saturday, December 15 th	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Catherine Kessler RIP
Sunday, December 16 th	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish Eleanor Wake RIP
Monday, December 17 th	9.00 am Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Tuesday, December 18 th	6.00 pm Castle Donington		William Graham RIP
Wednesday December 19 th	6.00 pm Melbourne		Kath Dingley RIP
Thursday, December 20 th	6.00 pm Castle Donington	Mass with Reconciliation	Jennie Horton RIP
Friday, December 21 st	NO MASS		-
Saturday, December 22 nd	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Ellen Axe RIP
Sunday, December 23 rd	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Pete Webb RIP Bellamy & Sinagra Families RIP

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK: Service of Reconciliation and Mass:
Castle Donington, 20th December, 6.00 pm.



ADVENT PROJECT: We have chosen to help the Padley Centre for the Homeless in Derby for our Advent Project.

There will be retiring collections after all Weekend Masses during Advent towards our Advent Project.

On the 1st Sunday of Advent we collected £354.83
On the 2nd Sunday of Advent we collected £344.39
Total so far: £699.22



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

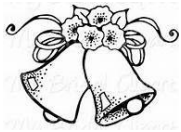
24th December, Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass' - 9.00 pm in Melbourne

25th December, Christmas Day Masses: 9.00 am in Castle Donington
10.30 am in Melbourne



INSTRUCTION CLASSES: INSTRUCTION CLASSES: in Catholicism. The next session is:
Monday, December 17th, at 7.00 pm, in the Rectory in Melbourne.

THANK YOU OF THE WEEK: To Clare Hickie who has organised our Advent craft sessions for the children during their Sunday liturgy. A lot of work and effort.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie Kerr and Libby Day who were married last weekend.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS:

Sunday, 16th December: Castle Donington after 9.00 am Mass (new material to be learned)

Sunday, 23rd December, after 10.30 am Mass (practice with organ)

It would be great if those intending to sing with the choir at this beautiful liturgy would do their utmost to be at both practices.



THE SICK: Pray for our parishioners, family members and friends who are ill, including Luisa Sutcliffe, Angela Scouller, Beryl Murrant, Brian Sutcliffe, Edwin Knight, Jean Wilson, Robert Burns, Colette McGuckin, Roseanne Kelly, Roseia Williams, Susan Virtue, and our parishioners in care homes.

PRAY FOR: The repose of the souls of Bill Simmonds, Marion Jones, James Hurley, Hugh McIvor, James Moran, Catherine Kessler, Eileen Williamson, Joan Medland, Robert Coady, Olive Lee and Ellen Axe, whose anniversaries are this week. Pray also for Eileen Gill, Christine's mother, who died recently.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

20th Mass & Reconciliation [CD]

24th Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass' [M]

25th Christmas Day

ONLY JOKING:



POPEQUOTE: Francis challenged those who make excuses against giving money to people on the streets.

There are many excuses to justify why one does not lend a hand when asked by a person begging on the street. Some may think, "I give money and he just spends it on a glass of wine!" But a glass of wine is his only happiness in life! People who worry about how the money might be spent should ask themselves what guilty pleasures they are secretly spending money on. Giving something to someone in need should be done with respect and compassion, because tossing money and not looking in their eyes is not a Christian way of behaving.