

CATHOLIC PARISH OF MELBOURNE and CASTLE DONINGTON

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LITURGICAL YEAR: SUNDAY C / WEEKDAY 1

READINGS:

This Week: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44
Next week: HOLY FAMILY: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-14; Psalm 127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52.
Following Week: EPIPHANY: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12.



MASSES & LITURGIES

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
Monday, December 24 th	9.00 pm Melbourne	CHRISTMAS EVE 'Midnight Mass'	People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 25 th	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	CHRISTMAS DAY	Fred & Ellen Axe RIP
Wednesday - Friday December 26 th - 28 th	NO MASS		-
Saturday, December 29 th	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Tommy Reilly RIP
Sunday, December 30 th	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	HOLY FAMILY	People of the Parish Elizabeth Wheartley RIP
Monday, December 31 st	9.00 pm Melbourne		Peter & Toni Lothian RIP
Tuesday, January 1 st	NO MASS		-
Wednesday, January 2 nd	9.00 pm Melbourne	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
Thursday, January 3 rd	6.00 pm Castle Donington		
Friday, January 4 th	NO MASS		-
Saturday, January 5 th	5.00 pm Castle Donington	VIGIL MASS	Henry O'Kane [intentions]
Sunday, January 6 th	9.00 am Castle Donington 10.30 am Melbourne	EPIPHANY	Mary W ebb [intentions] Edith & Laurence Arthurs RIP

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



Final collection today!

On the 1st Sunday of Advent we collected £354.83
 On the 2nd Sunday of Advent we collected £344.39
 On the 2nd Sunday of Advent we collected £1018.11
 Total so far: £1717.33



We need to collect £282.67 to bring us to the magic £2,000 total.

Please remember to Gift Aid your donations for Advent. Forms are at the back of church.



THANK YOU OF THE WEEK: To anyone who has contributed in any way towards getting the churches ready for Christmas. It was a lot of work and effort.

100 CLUB: Latest winners: Last week: 1st No.49 Frank Hatley; 2nd No.45 Emma Dibb; 3rd No. 11 Debbie Smith.
 This week: 1st No.92 Paula Payne; 2nd No.46 Cheryl Baxter; 3rd No.27 Ann Saunders.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS:

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



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 Gladys Dohoney, Margaret Ross, Bill Kenyon, Patrick Whitty, Johanna Walker, John Chamberlain, Kitty Ronan, Jozef Zwierzynski, Mark Audinwood, James Blythe, Nickolaj Marczuk and Celia Seals, whose anniversaries are this week.

Next week: Stephen Baxter, Bernard McEntee, Tony Coffey, Norma Filamor, Patricia Crockett, Bridget Gorman, Annie Fitzgerald, Joan Barber, Mary K Redmond, Janie Spillane, Freda Hassall, Ellen Moore, Nancy Johnson, Lilian Adkin, George Cathrae, Elizabeth Flynn and Toni Lothian.



ONLY JOKING:



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2001
SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ... GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE TONIGHT



Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005
AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME

POPEQUOTE: Make space for wonder and surprise this Christmas. The first Christmas had many surprises - including that God came into the world as a tiny baby. To welcome the Saviour there are no powerful people, no ambassadors, just simple shepherds, surprised by the angels while working at night. But it is on the night of Christmas that the biggest surprise comes: The Most High is a small child. To celebrate Christmas, then, is to welcome the surprises of Heaven on earth.