

Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

Primary School

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Our Lady of Mercy & St Philip Neri, Melbourne
Church of the Risen Lord, Castle Donington

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18th Week of Ordinary Time – August 2nd

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 1st	17:00	Castle Donington	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Kathleen Murray (health)
Sun vigil				
Sun 2nd	9:00	Melbourne	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
-	11:00	Ashby	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Unity of the Church
Mon 3rd	9:15	Melbourne	Feria	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
Tues 4th	8:30	Castle Donington (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Castle Donington	St John Vianney	Intentions of Bsp Patrick
Weds 5 th	9:30	Ashby	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Peace in the Holy Land
Thurs 6th	9:15	Castle Donington	TRANSFIGURATION	The sick of the parish
Fri 7 th	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne*	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Conversion of the Parish
Sat 8th	8:00	Ashby Adoration	-	-
-	8:30	Ashby*	St Dominic	The Holy Souls
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Stephen O'Mara (RIP)
Sun 9 th	9:00	Melbourne	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Intentions of Pope Leo
-	11:00	Ashby	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

*Mass from Divine Worship of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. All welcome.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

(Confession) Times

Castle Donington: Saturday 6pm (after Mass),

Melbourne: Sunday 8:30am (before Mass),

Ashby-de-la-Zouch:

Saturday 8:30 am (after Mass) & Sunday 10:30 am (before Mass).

If you cannot make these times, please speak to Fr. Andrew to make alternative arrangements.

Praying the Rosary &

Divine Mercy Chaplet

during the week

Ashby: Tuesdays 10:15 am for Priests & Religious & vocations & Fridays 10:15 am for Peace. Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesdays at 9:10 am.

Castle Donington: Rosary at 8:50 am before Mass on Tues and Thurs.

Melbourne: Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 8:50am before Mass.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. It is open to all who are interested in learning more about and joining the Catholic Church. 6:30pm to 8pm in the Crypt of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby. **The next dates are August 13th & 27th**

2nd Collection for 13th of August : National Catholic Education Service

Weekend Collections

Attendance - 199
Collections – £481.57
Envelopes – £58
Standing Orders – £0
Total – £539.57
2nd Collections – n/a

Thank you.

Parish bank account details for on-line donations:

Name: St Charels
Borromeo RCP
Bank: Lloyds Bank
Account: 00554976
Sort: 30-92-15

You can also donate using
the Digital Collection Plate
at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Nicholas Rushton and Patrick John Arnold.

All are invited to a **Family Mass and Picnic** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Sunday 13th September**. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2.00pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

Oppose Assisted Suicide. The proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on **Friday 11th September**. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP ([SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP ASAP.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

- 1) *For friends who care for me despite my flaws, but who are also willing to tell me when I am at fault.*
- 2) *For patience with those who are getting weaker.*
- 3) *For a love of my country and a love for the stranger.*
- 4) *For the determination to fast – properly - one day this week for peace in the world.*
- 5) *To see the world through the eyes of Jesus, and to bear witness to the Father's love.*

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

New Dates for Children's Liturgy at Melbourne

9/8, 28/8, 6/9, 20/9

Teachers Needed:

Please contact Meryl Baldwin - 01332 865352

DON'T DELAY YOUR BABY'S BAPTISM

For generations, Catholic parents made sure their babies were baptised as soon as possible after birth. This was because they understood that the **Sacrament of Baptism** wasn't a mere rite of passage of an occasion for a family celebration. **Baptism was the greatest gift they could give their child.** Our Lord Himself, when He spoke to Nicodemus taught the necessity of Baptism: "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*" (John 3:5). And the final command He gave to His Apostles before ascending into Heaven was, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" (Matthew 28:19). There are no mere suggestions. They are the word of the Son of God Himself.

As we know from our catechism, we are all conceived in a state of **original sin**, and although a baby has no personal sins, he or she desperately needs the life of grace that Baptism gives. Through Baptism, **the gates of Heaven are opened, original sin is washed away, sanctifying grace is poured into the soul, the Holy Trinity come to dwell within, and the child becomes an adopted son or daughter of God and a member of Christ's Mystical Body, the Catholic Church.** Baptism also marks a change in whose kingdom we belong to. Due to original sin, the human race is under the dominion of sin and the devil. Through Baptism, Christ, rescues us, and transfers us to membership of His Kingdom. As St Paul, writes: "*He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.*" (Colossians 1:13).

For these reasons, the Code of Canon Law states: "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptised in the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth or even before it, they are to go to the pastor and request the sacrament for their child". (Canon 867.1). So this isn't just an ancient tradition. It remains the law of the Church to this day. We have a beautiful example of this in the life of **Pope Benedict XVI**, who was born on Holy Saturday, 16th April 1927, and was baptised that same day. There was no delay for family convenience or to allow people time to travel, because the parents wanted their son to receive God's grace **immediately**.

It is sometimes said, "**Why not let children grow up, and then decide for themselves if they want to be baptised?**" There is a very simple answer to this. **It is the parents' solemn responsibility to fulfil this obligation.** They don't wait for their child to decide if he or she wants food, medicine or other physical needs. Parents make those decisions for them, because **they want what is best for their children.** And the greatest gift that parents can give is not money, opportunity or even education – **it is the life of God's grace.** If Baptism truly washes away original sin, makes us children of God and heirs to Heaven, to delay Baptism unduly or waiting until adulthood, would mean to withhold from the child the greatest gift God wants to give, which is **eternal life.** Today, Baptism can often be postponed for months and sometimes years, while families arrange receptions, photographers and convenient dates. These are legitimate concerns, **but they should never come before the spiritual good of the child.** A child needs Baptism more than he needs Auntie Mary from Australia to be present. The greatest day of our life is not when we graduated or got married or even became a priest or a pope. **It is the day of Baptism,** because that is when eternal life begins – **at the font.** Therefore, let us follow the wisdom and example of countless generations of Catholics and bring our children to Christ without delay, as He commanded. – *with permission Fr. Paul Gillham, IC*