

# Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

## Primary School

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

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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| Mass times                   |              | Mass location                       | Feast Day                                | Intention                                                       |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>          | 17:00        | Castle Donington                    |                                          |                                                                 |
| Sun vigil                    |              |                                     | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Miroslav (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)                                |
| <b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>9:00</b>  | <b>Melbourne</b>                    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Kathleen Murray (int)                                           |
| -                            | <b>11:00</b> | <b>Ashby</b>                        | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | People of the Parish                                            |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>          | 9:15         | Melbourne                           | Feria                                    | Sick of the Parish                                              |
| <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:30</b>  | <b>Castle Donington (Adoration)</b> | -                                        | -                                                               |
| -                            | <b>9:15</b>  | <b>Castle Donington</b>             | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary      | Linda Wordsworth (health)<br>Masters & MacDonald families (Int) |
| Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>         | 9:30         | Ashby                               | St Peter Claver                          |                                                                 |
| <b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9:15</b>  | <b>Castle Donington</b>             | Feria                                    | James Neal (Thanksgiving)                                       |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>         | 8:30         | Melbourne (Adoration)               | -                                        | -                                                               |
| -                            | 9:15         | Melbourne                           | Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus | Kathleen Murray (int)                                           |
| <b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>8:00</b>  | <b>Ashby*</b>                       | Most Holy Name of Mary                   | Adrian Smith (RIP)                                              |
| -                            | <b>8:30</b>  | <b>Ashby Adoration</b>              | -                                        | -                                                               |
| Sun vigil                    | 17:00        | Castle Donington                    | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Joe & Dympna McGuckin (illness)                                 |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>         | 9:00         | Melbourne                           | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | People of the Parish                                            |
| -                            | 11:00        | Ashby                               | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | Vincent Oforka (rip)                                            |

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. It is open to all who are interested in learning more about joining the Catholic Church. 6:30pm to 8pm in the Crypt of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby. **September dates are: 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for 13<sup>th</sup> of September: National Catholic Education**

### **Weekend Collections**

Attendance - 242  
Collections – £ 394.50  
Envelopes – £ 46.00  
Standing Orders –  
£3,275  
Total – £ 3,715.50  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collections – n/a  
*Thank you.*

### **Urgent!**

Parish Bookkeeper  
required.  
Please speak to Fr.  
Andrew or Tony Holt if  
you can help.

### **Urgent!**

### **Parish bank account details for on-line donations:**

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

You can also donate using  
the **Digital Collection Plate  
(DCP)** at Our Lady of  
Lourdes, and directly on  
our website.

*If you have used the  
previous DCP and entered  
your details for gift aid, you  
will need to reimport your  
details in the new one.*

### **New Dates for Children's Liturgy at Melbourne**

6/9, 20/9

### **Teachers Needed:**

Please contact Meryl Baldwin - 01332 865352

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<https://www.truthly.ai/download>

### **MISSIO UPDATE**

Red Box holders and anyone who is interested, are invited to a Diocesan Misson Mass celebrating 90yrs of the Red Box on 19<sup>th</sup> September at noon with Bsp Patrick McKinney. Followed by refreshments at: **St Teresa of Lisieux**, Kingsbury Drive, Aspley, Nottingham, NG8 3EP

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes** – It is expected that all those who are looking to start preparations for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion next year will already be regularly attending Mass. **We are looking for a volunteer to learn how to administrate the course, pls speak for Fr. Andrew**

**Red Box Collection** – If you have a Red Box which you have been using at home to collect change for Missio, please bring into church during the next few weeks so that it can be counted. *Thank you!*

### **TWO NEW COURSES THIS AUTUMN**

- 1) Bible Study for young adults** – every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month at OLOL, for 18 to 35 year olds, **beginning Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. If you are interested, please let Fr. Andrew know by dropping him an email. We start with Genesis and the Gospel of St John. You should bring a copy of an ESV Bible, Catholic edition.
- 2) Young Families** – a new online course run by the parish for young families and newly-weds. It will begin in early Sept. Details will be released over the next few weeks.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> September**. 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/](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact your MP ASAP.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE HOME**

- 1) That I may open my eyes to my own faults and amend what holds me back from my discipleship of Christ.*
- 2) May I take criticism with openness and a willingness to listen and change.*
- 3) May I give criticism only when necessary, with charity and as an invitation to communion.*
- 4) May I accept weakness in others and seek perfection in myself, while acknowledging that I can do nothing without Jesus.*

**The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre** are delighted to share the exciting news that on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10.00am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. Sister Fillys from Zimbabwe and others will be chatting about Mary Potter's inspiring life, the mission of the Little Company of Mary, and the Heritage Centre in Nottingham. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

### **LOOKING AT THE SACREMENTS**

#### **1) Matrimony**

The marriage covenant by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of love - is by its nature ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of their offspring.

The marriage bond is established by God, and established in such a way that once concluded and consummated between baptised people can never be dissolved.

The fruits of this Sacrament for the spouses are:

- The grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church.
- A perfecting of their human love.
- A strengthening of their indissoluble unity.
- Sanctification on their way to Heaven.
- The grace to help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children
- An integration into God's covenant with man:  
*Authentic married love s caught up in to divine love.*