

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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26th Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 26 th	17:00	Castle Donington	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun vigil			26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Vanessa (birthday)
Sun 27 th	9:00	Melbourne	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Julie & Don Whetton – 50 th Anniversary
-	11:00	Ashby	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Colette McGuckin (RIP)
Mon 28 th	9:15	Melbourne	St Wenceslaus	-
Tues 29 th	8:30	Castle Donington (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Castle Donington	STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGLES	Peter Neal (RIP)
Weds 30 th	9:30	Ashby	St Jerome	Karen
Thurs 1st	9:15	Castle Donington	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Tess Casey (health)
Fri 2nd	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne	Holy Guardian Angels	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
Sat 3 rd	8:00	Ashby*	Mem of the BVM	Christine Adams (RIP)
-	8:30	Ashby Adoration	-	-
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mary Webb (Birthday)
Sun 4th	9:00	Melbourne	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sick family and friends
-	11:00	Ashby	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Enid & Joseph Dennis (RIP)

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

NOTE: the Thursday Mass at Castle Donington has moved from 9:10 to 8:45am this week, in order for Fr. Andrew to meet other commitments.

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 joining the Catholic Church. 6:30pm to 8pm in the Crypt of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby. **October's dates are 8th & 22nd.**

2nd Collection for 4th October: CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day)

Weekend Collections

Attendance - 234
Collections – £ 397.96
Envelopes – £ 141.90
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 539.86
2nd Collections– £ 63.20
Thank you.

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.

Children's Liturgy at Melbourne

Due to the lack of children we have taken the
regrettable decision to suspend children's liturgy at
this time. Thanks go to Meryl and all the catechists
who worked so hard to make the Word of God alive in
the hearts and creativity of our young people.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kneal Walsh

Urgent!

Parish Bookkeeper required.

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

Urgent!

1st Holy Communion Classes begin 24th January, 2027 –

It is expected that all those who are looking to start
preparations for 1st 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**

TWO NEW COURSES STARTING IN OCTOBER

- 1) **BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS** – every 1st
Tuesday of the Month at OLOL, for 18 to 35 year olds,
beginning Oct 6th at 7pm. We start with Genesis
chapter 1&2 and the Gospel of St John, chapter 1. You
are encouraged to read them ahead of the day. Please
bring a copy of a Bible, Catholic edition. We will be
using the ESV version (Available at the back of the
churches if you wish one).
- 2) **PARENTING** – a new online course run by the parish for
young families and newly-weds begins Weds 7th Oct, 7
to 8pm and will run on alternate weeks. Topics covered
are: 1) Being a parent today, 2) Making time for your
children, 3) Meals and celebrations in the family, 4) Living
your faith as a family, 5) Praying as a family, 6) Dealing
with difficulties in family life, 7) Moral values and family
life, 8) Smartphones, screentime and social media, 9)
Education, school, and special needs. To receive the
link to join via Teams please email:
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PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

- 1) *I am sorry for the times I have been envious of the
good fortune of others. May I be grateful for what I
have, and thankful for what they enjoy.*
- 2) *Help me put all gossip and slander away from my lips
and my heart. Let me go about the business of my own
salvation.*
- 3) *Help me to avoid gluttony, and eating out of boredom.*
- 4) *Make me resolved to research and understand the
Church's teachings better, especially those I find
difficult or confusing.*

The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity
Newark on **Saturday 17th October** entitled: **Reimagining
Catechesis.** As a catechist would you love to see more
families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That
at the end of sacramental programmes fewer people would
'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In
Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their
parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more
information see the poster in church or visit
dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

CHRISTMAS TREES

The parish has received a very generous offer of a gift
of 150 Christmas trees which we are pleased to offer
you, at reasonable cost. The price will be between
£15 & £25, for trees that are between 4ft, 6ft and
really big. If you are interested. There is a list at the
back of church for you to put your details on.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is this coming **Friday, 2nd
October.** It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply
and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we
can put our faith into action and share God's love with our
neighbours overseas – we can help communities support
children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school with better
access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens
where food can be grown, even during times of drought.
Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave, so that you
can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD
website. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday is the **World Day of Migrants and
Refugees.** In his latest encyclical Pope Leo says: '*A
litmus test for social justice today is the treatment of
migrants, refugees and those forced to move due to
poverty, violence, climate change and environmental
disasters. The way a society treats them reveals whether
its sense of justice is driven by fear or by the spirit of
fraternity.*' (Magnifica Humanitas 81). This year Pope
Leo's message draws attention to the vulnerability of
children experiencing forced displacement: visit
bit.ly/WDMR2026

End Note: Parking on Sundays at OLOL is tight. If you
find you are blocking someone in, can you move your car
at the end of Mass and then return to join us for tea and
coffee. Please and thank you!