

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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27th Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 3 rd	17:00	Castle Donington	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mary Webb (Birthday)
Sun vigil				Sick family and friends
Sun 4th	9:00	Melbourne	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
-	11:00	Ashby	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Enid & Joseph Dennis (RIP)
Mon 5 th	9:15	Melbourne	St Faustina Kowalska	Nicholas Rushton (RIP)
Tues 6th	8:30	Castle Donington (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Castle Donington	Feria	Brian Casey (health)
Weds 7 th	9:30	Ashby	Our Lady of the Rosary	Dawn Beasley (RIP)
Thurs 8th	9:15	Castle Donington	Feria	Anna (health)
Fri 9 th	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	Conversion of the Parish
Sat 10th	8:00	Ashby*	St Paulinus Of York and the Anglo-Saxon Saints of the Diocese	Masters & MacDonald families (intentions)
-	8:30	Ashby (Adoration)	-	-
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
Sun 11 th	9:00	Melbourne	28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
-	11:00	Ashby	28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Hannah Melhuish

*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 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 - 211
Collections – £ 457.22
Envelopes – £ 79.00
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 536.22
2nd Collections– £ n/a
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
our Digital Collection Plate
at Ashby

Prayers for the Deceased

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Kneal Walsh & Ann Nichol**

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

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. **Forms are now ready for collection.** We are looking for a volunteer to learn how to administrate the course, pls speak for Fr. Andrew

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.

TWO NEW COURSES STARTING THIS WEEK

- 1) BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS** – every 1st Tuesday of the Month at OLOL, for 18 to 35 year olds, **beginning this Tuesday 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 for purchase at the back of the churches if you wish one).
- 2) PARENTING COURSE** – a new online course run by the parish for young families and newly-weds **begins this 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 you need to email: rita.hicklinPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

- 1) *Open my mouth that I may praise you often.*
- 2) *Close my ears to the faults of my brothers and sisters.*
- 3) *Keep my eyes from the impure.*
- 4) *Close my mind to idle curiosity.*
- 5) *Make my heart a vessel of peace.*
- 6) *May I use the skills you have given me for your glory and not my own.*

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Leaflets are available in all 3 churches for this year's appeal. Despite the rising costs of transport it is still only £3.50 per box to send an amazing gift to a child or family who have so little in their lives. Our boxes go out to Eastern Europe including the refugee camps in Ukraine, Romania, and Moldova. All information is in the leaflet, or go to their website teams4u.com. This appeal will run throughout October until Sunday 8th November.
Thank you for your support. - Linda Clarke.

4) - Anointing of the Sick

By this sacrament a special grace is conferred upon a person during grave illness or old age.

The fruits of this Sacrament are:

- Unity with the Passion of Christ, for the sick person's own good and that of the whole Church.
- Strength, peace, and courage to endure as a Christian the sufferings of illness or old age.
- Forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Penance.
- Restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of a soul.
- Preparation for entering eternal life.

A priest should be called to give the Sacrament of the Sick before the ill person has lost consciousness, or become too ill to respond. It cannot be administered to the dead.