Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

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

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29th Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 17th Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 18th	**9:00**	**Melbourne**	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mary & John Francis Brown (RIP)
-	**11:00**	**Ashby**	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Joseph Lehel (RIP) & Brenda
Mon 19th	9:15	Melbourne	Feria	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
Tues 20th	**11:00**	**Melbourne**	Funeral of Kneale Walsh	-
Weds 21st	9:30	Ashby	Feria	Fr. Robert Rutledge (RIP)
Thurs 22nd	**9:15**	**Castle Donington**	Feria	Joe McGuckin (RIP)
Fri 23rd	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne	St John Paul II	Sanctification of the Parish
Sat 24th	**8:00**	**Ashby* (in side chapel)**	Memorial of the BVM	Joseph Hicks (RIP)
-	**8:30**	**Ashby (Adoration)**	-	-
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	39th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Peg & Tom Murray (RIP)
Sun 25th	9:00	Melbourne	39th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
-	11:00	Ashby	39th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Theresa Hayes (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 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 last date is 22nd. November's are 12th and 26th.**

2nd Collection for 18th October: Missio (World Mission)

Weekend Collections
Attendance - 291
Collections – £ 496.50
Envelopes – £ 103
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 599.50
PACT – £ 352.60

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

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

TWO COURSES RUNNING IN THE PARISH

1) **BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS** – every 1st Tuesday of the Month at OLOL, for 18 to 35 year olds. Our next session is 3rd November. We have room for a few more, if you would like to attend our next meeting.
2) **PARENTING COURSE** – a new online course run by the parish for families or expectant families. Our next session is **Weds 28th Oct, 8 to 9pm.(note: we have moved the time to an hour later based on parent feedback)** Topics covered down the line are 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.**

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. Information is in the leaflet, or go to the website teams4u.com. This appeal runs throughout Oct until Sunday 8th Nov. *Thank you - Linda Clarke.*

PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

1) *Help me to pray the rosary every day this week, and pray it slowly and thoughtfully.*
2) *I thank God for all the strangers who have helped me and I was never able to thank properly.*
3) *For the good that I see people do for other people this week.*
4) *For the Church, that she may be Holy and hope filled.*
5) *For all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

Melbourne Coffee Morning

Saturday 24th October from 10am-12noon
St Mary's Hall
There will be the Treetops Hospice pop up shop selling Christmas cards, greetings cards, new and donated gifts.

We urgently need new Raffle prizes and books to support the Tombola and table top sale at Melbourne. Please consider donating your quality unwanted items. *Thank you!*

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. **Trees delivered 5th December to OLOL**. There is a list at the back of church for you to put your details on.

Christmas Repository Items

At the back of each of the churches there is now a selection of cards, candles and some gift items for purchase. Just in case you know anyone who has been good.

ALL SOULS EVE PARTY!!!

October 31st at Our Lady of Lourdes in the crypt from 5pm to 8pm. £10 per family. (at the door) Prizes for the best Costume and carved pumpkin. (bring your pumpkin pre-carved). Activities for all, including pumpkin painting. Bring your own bottle and snacks. Absolutely no devils!

A *Halloween* Party?!

Isn't Halloween about the devil and paganism? No. Should we really have one in the church? Yes.

The word "Halloween" derives from "All Hallows' Eve" making it the vigil before All Saints' Day.

Pope Gregory III (731–741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to all the saints and fixed its anniversary as November 1.
October 31 — All Hallows' Eve, a day of penance and preparation
November 1 — All Saints' Day: celebrating all who have reached heaven
November 2 — All Souls' Day: prayer and fasting for the souls in Purgatory

- **Costumes:** Remind us of he passing folly of selfishness and the transitory nature of life. Dress as a Saint. Evil is out.
- **Jack-o-lanterns**: Early Christians would place candles in carved-out vegetables to reflect the light of Christ on All Hallows' Eve.
- **Trick-or-Treating (Souling):** "soul cakes" were a traditional food. People would beg for a "soul cake" and pray for the donor's departed friends and family in exchange.