

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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30th Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times	Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 24 th Sun vigil	Castle Donington	30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Peg & Tom Murray (RIP)
Sun 25th	Melbourne	30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
-	Ashby	30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Theresa Hayes (RIP)
Mon 26 th	Melbourne	Sts Chad and Cedd	Pope Leo (health)
Tues 27th	Castle Donington (Adoration)	Feria	-
-	Castle Donington	-	Those struggling with mental illness
Weds 28 th	Ashby	Sts Simon & Jude	Kieran Duke (RIP)
Thurs 29th	Castle Donington	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri 30 th	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	Melbourne	Feria	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
Sat 31st	Ashby* (inside chapel)	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Those leading the consecrated life in the Diocese
-	Ashby (Adoration)	-	-
Sun vigil	Castle Donington	ALL SAINTS	Pete & Nicola Webb (RIP)
Sun 1 st	Melbourne	ALL SAINTS	People of the Parish
-	Ashby	ALL SAINTS	

*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. **November's dates are 12th and 26th.**

2nd Collection on 1st November: Diocesan Hospices

Weekend Collections

Attendance - 214
Collections – £ 524.56
Envelopes – £ 84
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 608.56
MISSIO – £ 258.67

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
electronically 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** – an online course run by the parish for parents. 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 include: Making time for your children; Meals and celebrations in the family; Living your faith as a family; Praying as a family; Dealing with difficulties in family life; Moral values and family life; Smartphones, screentime and social media; Education, school, and special needs. **To receive the link to join via Teams you need to email: rita.hicklinPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk.**

Shoebbox Appeal 2026

Leaflets are available in all 3 churches for this year's appeal. It is 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 Sun 8th Nov. *Thank you - Linda Clarke.*

PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

- 1) As All Saints approaches, I give thanks for the witness of all the Holy men and women who have taught me what it is to love God.*
- 2) As All Souls approaches, I pray for the Holy Souls, that they may be cleansed of all taint of sin and soon see the face of God.*
- 3) I thank God for all the unknown good people have done for me and whom I have never been able to thank.*
- 4) I thank God for the world in which we live. May I do my part to preserve its beauty and resources.*

Ashby Sunday Coffee Team is looking for two new volunteers to join our rota. It is a good way to meet people and bring our community together. If you can help, please speak to Tony Holt or 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. **Trees delivered 5th December to OLOL.** There is a list at the back of church for you to put your details on.

We urgently need new Raffle prizes and books to support the Tombola and tabletop sale at Melbourne. Please consider donating your quality, unwanted items.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY ITEMS

At the back of each of the churches there is now a selection of cards, candles, illuminated plaques, and other gift items for purchase.



CELEBRATE has produced an online **family pack for All Saints**, and celebrating saints throughout the year. The pack aims to provide families with ideas on how to get to know the saints and walk with them in the journey of holiness. There are suggestions for saint crafts and activities, prayers to share, books to savour and videos to enjoy together. The pack is free to download (but not free to produce): a suggested family donation is £3, and the Pack is available at link

ALL SOULS EVE PARTY!!!

This coming Saturday, 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 the 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.