Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

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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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31st Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 31st Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	ALL SAINTS	Pete & Nicola Webb (RIP)
Sun 1st	**9:00**	**Melbourne**	ALL SAINTS	People of the Parish
-	**11:00**	**Ashby**	ALL SAINTS	Bishop Patrick's Intention
Mon 2nd	9:15	Melbourne	ALL SOULS	Holy Souls
	17:00	Castle Donington	ALL SOULS	The Pope's intention
	19:00	Ashby	ALL SOULS	Deceased members of the Hallam Family
Tues 3rd	**8:30**	**Castle Donington (Adoration)**	St Martin de Porres	Mary Reilly
-	**9:15**	**Castle Donington**	-	Sanctification of Parish
Weds 4th	9:30	Ashby	St Charles Borromeo	Special Intention after a serious operation
Thurs 5th	**9:15**	**Castle Donington**	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri 6th	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne	Feria	Holy Souls
Sat 7th	**8:00**	**Ashby* (inside chapel)**	Memorial of BVM	Annona Rushton
-	**8:30**	**Ashby (Adoration)**	-	-
-	15:00	Castle Donington	Blessing of Graves	-
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	32nd Week of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sun 8th	9:00	Melbourne	32nd Week of Ordinary Time	Martin Brown (recovery)
-	11:00	Ashby	32nd Week of Ordinary Time	Joseph & Margaret Hicks (RIP)
-	14:00	Ashby	Blessing of Graves	-

+ Blessing of Graves at Melbourne will be Sunday 22nd Nov at 14:00 +

*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 - 212
Collections – £ 461.74
Envelopes – £ 88.50
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 550.24
2nd Collection – 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 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

Envelopes for November Dead lists, and Masses for the Holy Souls are now available at the back of church.

BIBLE *ALIVE!* issue for November and December are now available at the back of the church.

Shoebox 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 until Sun 8th Nov. *Thank you - Linda Clarke.*

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

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.
2) **PARENTING COURSE** – an online course run by the parish for parents growing in love for each other, for the family and for the Church. Our next session is Weds 11th Nov, 8 **to 9pm**. **To receive the link to join via Teams please email: rita.hicklinPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk**

PRAYERS FOR THE HOME

1) *On this Feast of All Saints I thank you for the reminder that I am loved and called to holiness.*
2) *I pray for the Holy Souls: for the members of my family and for my friends who have died. May they be forgiven their sins, purified and see your Face.*
3) *For the pets that have enriched my life with company and affection.*
4) *For God's goodness, especially in the difficult, and sometimes dark, times of my life.*
5) *For the prayers of my enemies.*

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.

2026 ADVENT 2ND COLLECTIONS - Hospices

In view of the defeat of the assisted dying bill, the PPC have decided that more support should be provided to our hospices. Therefore, three local hospices will be supported - St. Giles, Tree Tops and Loros through our Advent 2nd collections.

and a Christmas Raffle

A Raffle will be held with Luxury Hampers as the prizes. From the 1st November please could you please consider donating luxury items to make up the hampers.
A list of goods required, to give people an idea of what to donate, will be at the back for people to pick their donation and a box will be at the back to place the donations in our 3 churches. (Please check expiry dates). Generosity is a virtue! – *Patricia Clews*

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

Could You Offer a Caring Home to an International Student? WEP (Worldwide Education Programme) are looking for a warm, welcoming and caring home for 1–2 international students who will be attending Ashby School in the 6th Form for 4½ months.

We are looking for families or single people who have a spare room and can offer a caring, nurturing and supportive home environment.

The students speak good English and would love the opportunity to experience everyday life in the UK, and enjoy a home away from home.

What's involved?
•Providing a spare room for one or two students.
•Offering a safe, comfortable and welcoming home.
•Creating a caring and nurturing environment where students feel included and supported.

A contribution of £500 per student, per month will be provided to help cover the costs of hosting. You will be supported by Christine Huss throughout the experience, so you will have someone to guide and assist you along the way.

Could you open your home and make a difference? Please get in touch for more information.

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