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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32nd Week of Ordinary Time - 2026

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Mass times		Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
Sat 7th	15:00	Castle Donington	Blessing of the graves at Castle Donington cemetery	-
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 the graves at Ashby cemetery	-
Mon 9th	9:15	Melbourne	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
Tues 10th	**8:30**	**Castle Donington (Adoration)**	-	-
-	**9:15**	**Castle Donington**	St Leo the Great	Holy Souls
Weds 11th	9:30	Ashby	St Martin of Tours	Les McHugh (RIP)
Thurs 12th	**9:15**	**Castle Donington**	St Josaphat	Holy Souls
Fri 13th	8:30	Melbourne (Adoration)	-	-
-	9:15	Melbourne	Votive Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus	Sanctification of the Parish
Sat 14th	**8:00**	**Ashby* (inside chapel)**	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Thomas & Matthew Gowans
-	**8:30**	**Ashby (Adoration)**	-	-
Sun vigil	17:00	Castle Donington	33rd Week of Ordinary Time	Families of Ranz & Piech
Sun 15th	9:00	Melbourne	33rd Week of Ordinary Time	Deceased family and friends
-	11:00	Ashby	33rd Week of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

+ 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 6th December: Poor & Needy Parishes

Weekend Collections
Attendance - 244
Collections – £
Envelopes – £ 145
Standing Orders – £ n/a
Total – £ 428.47
2nd Collection – 251.27

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

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Mary's, Loughborough on Tuesday 10th of November. They will be available for prayer from 5:30pm, and there will be a Mass at 6:30pm. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. See poster for details - all welcome, and bring your petitions to this little saint!

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

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY ITEMS

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



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 1st December.
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) *We pray for the Holy Souls. May our prayers ease their suffering and help them see the Face of God.*
2) *We pray for war dead of our nation. May their sacrifice be honoured by our own love and protection of freedom.*
3) *We pray that our young people cherish the freedoms they have and guard them for others.*
4) *We pray for Holy Church. That her leaders may love Christ and His Church, and proclaim their burning love to others.*
5) *For those who teach our children.*

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. There is a list at the back of church for you to put your details on. **Trees delivered 5th December to OLOL**. Or you can find your ideal tree by calling Paul on 07496 518895 to arrange a tree hunt.

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 help by 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 so you can pick your donation, and a box is 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

THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Church dedicates this month to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This is not a sombre obligation but a profound privilege: the living can actually reach across the threshold of death and love people straight into heaven.

What Is Purgatory?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030).

Purgatory is for those who "die in God's grace and friendship." The Church affirms that they are "assured of their eternal salvation." Every soul in Purgatory is therefore secure with respect to salvation.

Prayer for the dead is recommended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12:46).

1 Corinthians 3:11–15 may well be the most straightforward text in all of Sacred Scripture when it comes to Purgatory. St. Paul speaks of a soul being saved "as through fire" — describing a purification that is neither heaven nor hell.

That the Holy Sacrifice was offered for the departed was received Catholic Tradition even in the days of Tertullian (c160AD) and Cyprian (c 200 AD), and that the souls of the dead were aided particularly "while the sacred victim lay upon the altar" is the expression of St. Cyril of Jerusalem.