

Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

Primary School

St Charles Borromeo
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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

Secondary School

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1st Week of Advent

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2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES

	Mass times			Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
29 th	Saturday	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	1 st Sunday of Advent	Peg & Tom Murray (RIP)
30 th	Sunday	9:00	am	Melbourne	1 st Sunday of Advent	Ann Cooke & family
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	1 st Sunday of Advent	June Wallis
1 st	Monday	9:15	am	Melbourne	St Ralph Sherwin, Martyrs of Derbyshire	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
2 nd	Tuesday	8:30	am	Castle Donington (Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Castle Donington	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
3 rd	Wednesday	9:30	am	Ashby	St Francis Xavier	Jessica Needham & family
4 th	Thursday	9:15	pm	Castle Donington	John Damascene	Mary Reilly (RIP)
5 th	Friday	8:30	am	Melbourne (Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Melbourne	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
6 th	Saturday	08:00	am	Ashby *	St Nicholas	Masters & MacDonald families (int)
	-	08:30	am	Ashby (Holy Hour)	-	-
	Sun vigil	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Conversion of the Parish
7 th	Sunday	09:00	am	Melbourne	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Mary Reilly (RIP)
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Teresa Vowles

*Mass of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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Praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet during the week

Ashby: Tuesdays 10.15 am for Priests & Religious & vocations & Fridays 10:15 am for Peace
Wednesdays at 9:10 am Divine Mercy Chaplet

Castle Donington: Rosary 20 minutes before Mass during the week

Melbourne: Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays during Holy Hour before Mass



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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve – Ashby at 20:00

Christmas Day – Melbourne at 09:00

Christmas Day – Castle Donington at 11:00

Parish Luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle Collection

We are starting to collect donations for the Parish's Christmas raffle. Please see the list at the back of Church for items we are looking for. Thank you for your support!

(Please ensure items are in date!)

Sponsor a Candle Stick for Christmas!!!

The high altar candle sticks need some love and attention. To have them polished and lacquered (which retains the high polish effect for about 20 years) would cost £400 per candle stick. If you look at the Paschal Candle Stand or the candle sticks in the Sacred Heart chapel you can see what such an investment achieves. If you would like to contribute, please speak to Fr. Andrew



THE PARISH ADVENT 2ND COLLECTION CHARITY

The Purple Community Fund

The fund provides schooling and community projects in the worst of Manila's slums, which are built up around the rubbish dumps. Recent fire and flooding have destroyed all that they have. Your donations will help re-establish this hope giving work amongst the poorest of the poor. Please look at the notice board for more details of the charities history and work.

Music to Counter Dark Days, a warm evening of traditional folk music with mulled wine and mince pies, is being held in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AW, on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to this free event, with arts and crafts, and Christmas gifts on sale too.

First Holy Communion preparations – We are starting our parish preparations for 1st Holy Communion. The first class will be on the 7th of December at Our Lady of Lourdes, before the 11am Mass. Please collect a form from the back of church, or speak to Fr. Andrew. You will be required to submit a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, along with the completed forms. There will also be parent/guardian classes at the same time to help you accompany your child in this important undertaking.

Poinsette plants for Christmas – If you would like to donate a Poinsette in memory of a loved one to decorate the nativity please leave it at the back of the church

New dates for Children's Liturgy at Melbourne

30/11, 14/12, 28/12. Teachers needed.

Please contact Mervl 01332 865352

Walk With Me booklets for Advent are now available at the back of the church - £1. One for yourself, and one for a friend.

KEY ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

- **Risk to Vulnerable People:** Legalizing assisted suicide could expose the elderly, disabled, and those under financial or emotional pressure to coercion or abuse.
- **Safeguards Are Insufficient:** Even with proposed amendments, there is no guarantee that safeguards will prevent mistakes or exploitation.
- **Impact on Palliative Care:** Evidence from other countries shows that assisted suicide laws often lead to reduced investment in palliative care services.
- **Slippery Slope:** Once legalized for terminal illness, pressure grows to extend eligibility to chronic conditions or mental health issues. (like Canada, Belgium, Ohio)
- **Moral and Ethical Concerns:** The Bill undermines the principle that every life has inherent dignity and worth, regardless of illness or disability.

St Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre has been supporting pregnant women in Nottingham since 2021. If you would like to help with our work, or just to find out more about what we do, all are welcome to a **Mother and Baby Open Day**, a chance to have a coffee with the team which runs the centre, and also meet some of the mums who have been supported. All are Welcome, on **Thursday 27th November**, between 10.00am and 2.00pm, at Saint Paul's Church, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY. For more information contact Ami on 07547 795315 or email SCPSCUK@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation for Adults) course every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month for all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. **6:30pm to 8pm** in the Crypt of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby. **November's dates are 27th. December will be on the 11th. The 2nd Session in December is cancelled as this falls on Christmas Day.**

Attendance	Collections	Envelopes	Standing Orders	Total	Christmas Flower collection
211	£ 413.92	£ 88.30	£ -	£ 502.22	£ 400.92