

# Welcome to the Parish of St Charles Borromeo, National Forest

## Primary School

St Charles Borromeo  
Measham  
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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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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR PARISH ADVENT CHARITY

	<u>Mass times</u>			<u>Mass location</u>	<u>Feast Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Conversion of the Parish
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00	am	Melbourne	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Mary Reilly (RIP)
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Teresa Vowles
8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	9:15	am	Melbourne	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Holy Souls
	-	18:30		Ashby	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Comboni Missionary Sisters (Int)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	8:30	am	Castle Donington (Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Castle Donington	St Juan Diego	Mary Reilly (RIP)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	9:30	am	Ashby	Our Lady of Loreto	Tracey, Mark, Eaden & family
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:15	pm	Castle Donington	St Damasus I	Mary Reilly (RIP)
				Melbourne		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	8:30	am	(Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Melbourne	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Lord Peter Lothian (RIP)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	08:00	am	Ashby *	St Lucy	Ernst & Fanny Diepenbrock
	-	08:30	am	Ashby (Holy Hour)	-	-
	Sun vigil	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Nasser Khan (RIP) & Joyce
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	09:00	am	Melbourne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Bellamy & Singara families
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Howard & Lucy Egan

\*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.

### **Prayers for the Recently Departed: Sean Cafferky**

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES**

Christmas Eve – Ashby at 20:00

(Carols at 19:30)

Christmas Day – Melbourne at 09:00

Christmas Day – Castle Donington at 11:00

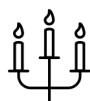
### **Parish Luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle Collection**

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!)

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

### **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) will 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 towards a whole or part of a candle stick please speak to Fr. Andrew



### **THE PARISH ADVENT 2<sup>ND</sup> 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. We will be collecting for the Purple Community Fund throughout the season of Advent. Please look at the notice board for more details of the charity's history and work.

**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**

**14/12, 28/12. Teachers needed.**

Please contact Mervl 01332 865352

**Journey through Advent** with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit [www.ndcys.com/advent2025/](http://www.ndcys.com/advent2025/)

### **ONE HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS**

#### **Winners first November 2025 draw**

1st. £25.00 91 Julie O'Dowd

2nd. £10.00 72 Cath Clegg

3rd. £5.00 93 Marie Bradley

#### **Winners second November 2025 draw:**

1st. £25.00 26 Alan Morgan

2nd. £10.00 15 Maria Rowe

3rd £5.00 93 Marie Bradley

### **INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation for Adults) course every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**December's date will be on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in Dec is cancelled as this falls on Christmas Day!**

*"In the silence of a midwinter dusk, there is a sound so faint that for all you can tell it may be only the sound of the silence itself. You hold your breath to listen. You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."*

- Frederick Buechner -

Attendance	Collections	Envelopes	Standing Orders	Total	Poor & Needy Parishes	Purple Community Fund
226	£ 545.70	£ 189.23	£ 2,879.00	£ 3,613.93	£ 443.67	£ 113.10