

# 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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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Gaudete Sunday

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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>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Nasser Khan (RIP) & Joyce
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun vigil					
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Bellamy & Singara families
	-	<b>11:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Ashby</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Howard & Lucy Egan
15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	9:15	am	Melbourne	Advent Feria	Colette McGuckin (RIP)
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Castle Donington (Holy Hour)</b>	-	-
	-	9:15	am	<b>Castle Donington</b>	Advent Feria	Mary Reilly (RIP)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	9:30	am	Ashby	Advent Feria	Margaret & John Reddin (RIP)
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>Castle Donington</b>	Advent Feria	Kathleen Murray (Birthday)
				Melbourne		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	8:30	am	(Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Melbourne	Advent Feria	Betty & Pat O'Kane
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Ashby *</b>	Advent Feria	Anna & Johnny (healing)
	-	<b>08:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Ashby (Holy Hour)</b>	-	-
	Sun vigil	16:30	pm	Castle Donington	Carols before Mass	-
		17:00	pm	Castle Donington	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Frances Skinner (RIP)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	09:00	am	Melbourne	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Keiran Murray (RIP) & the Murray Family
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Anthony, Charlotte Holt and family

\*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, John Harrison**

**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

**Note: No service at Ashby on Christmas Day**

**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!)

**Bible Alive!** For January and February 2006 are now available at the back of church. These are double issues, which means that the price is £6 for two months.

**Church amenities cleaning** – The outside loo at Our Lady of Lourdes needs some additional volunteers to help keep it tidy. Two more helpers would be a great assistance and would mean that you would only be asked to clean once a month. Please speak to Gwen or 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.

**Poinsettia 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 Meryl 01332 865352

**Missio - 'Red Box' holders** – Please collect your emptied Red Box from the back of church, as well as a calendar and you copy of the Mission Alive magazine.

**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. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in Dec is cancelled as this falls on Christmas Day!** January Dates are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

(Her Feast Day was last Friday)

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas,  
grant to our homes the grace of loving  
and respecting life in its beginnings,  
with the same love with which  
you conceived in your womb  
the life of the Son of God.  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Fair Love,  
protect our families so that  
they may always be united  
and bless the upbringing of our children.

Attendance	Collections	Envelopes	Standing Orders	Total	Purple Community Fund
251	£ 541.09	£ 81	£ -	£ 622.09	£ 458.01