

# 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

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## 4th Week of Advent- 21st December 2025 CHRISTMAS

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	Mass times			Mass location	Feast Day	Intention
20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Sun vigil	16:30		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	9:00	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
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	9:15	am	Melbourne	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	8:30	am	Castle Donington (Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Castle Donington	St John Kanty	Mary Riley (RIP)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	9:30	am	Ashby	Advent Feria	Terrence Needham (RIP)
	-	19:30	pm	Ashby	CHRISTMAS CAROLS	-
	-	20:00	pm	Ashby	CHRISTMAS EVE	Private Intention
25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:00	am	Melbourne	CHRISTMAS DAY	Peace in the Holy Land
		11:00	am	Castle Donington	CHRISTMAS DAY	Anne Davison (70 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	8:30	am	Melbourne (Holy Hour)	-	-
	-	9:15	am	Melbourne	St Stephen	Holy Souls
27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	08:00	am	Ashby *	St John, Apostle	Peter MacDonald
	-	08:30	am	Ashby (Holy Hour)	-	-
	Sun vigil	16:30	pm	Castle Donington	THE HOLY FAMILY	Eugene Fox (RIP)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	09:00	am	Melbourne	THE HOLY FAMILY	People of the Parish
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	THE HOLY FAMILY	Tom Pickering (RIP)

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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



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

### **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.

### **A Christmas Message from St Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

*Make your house, your family, another Nazareth, where love, peace, joy, and unity reign, for love begins at home. You must start there and make your home a center of love. You must be the hope of eternal happiness to your wife, your husband, your child, to your grandfather, your grandmother, to whoever is connected to you*

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

**Sean Cafferky, John Harrison**

Sean's funeral is Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec at 11:00 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby

### **New dates for Children's Liturgy at Melbourne 28/12. Teachers needed.**

Please contact Meryl 01332 865352

**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

**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.

**Mission - '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.

**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.

### **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.

**According to Aid to the Church in Need** 5.4 billion people (2/3 of the world's population) live in countries where **individuals and entire communities suffer violations of religious freedom**. More than 220 million Christians are at direct risk of persecution. In response, ACN has initiated a petition calling on governments around the world to implement in full Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the gold standard of religious liberty - the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, the right to change religion and the right to manifest religion in teaching, practice, worship and observance. Parishioners are invited to stand with persecuted Christians and all those who suffer for their beliefs by signing the ACN Article 18 petition, by visiting: <https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>. Please continue to pray for all those who suffer for their faith.

### **A Christmas Message from Fr. Andrew**

*I wish you and your loved ones all the joy of Christmas. Keep the incomprehensible incarnation of God close to your heart, and on your lips. Do not leave him in the manger: lift him into your arms and show him to others through your way of life. Your life is renewed, our joy is complete! Sorrow and grief have no power here, because eternal Word has come into the world. May you and your loved ones share in His peace.*

### **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>.

Attendance	Collections	Envelopes	Standing Orders	Total	Purple Community Fund
230	£ 564.12	£ 112.62	£ -	£ 676.74	£ 373.27