

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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5th Week of Lent



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	<u>Mass times</u>			<u>Mass location</u>	<u>Feast Day</u>	<u>Intention</u>
21 st	Saturday Sun vigil	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	5 th Sunday of Lent	Peter Neal (RIP)
22 nd	Sunday	9:00	am	Melbourne	5 th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	5 th Sunday of Lent	Robert Shutt (RIP)
	-	14:00		Ashby	1 st Holy Communion	The children
23 rd	Monday	9:15	am	Melbourne	Lenten Feria	Holy Souls
24 th	Tuesday	18:30	am	Castle Donington	THE ANNUNCIATION	James Neal
25 th	Wednesday	9:30	am	Ashby	THE ANNUNCIATION	Elizabeth & Peter Pearce (RIP)
		18:00	pm	Melbourne	THE ANNUNCIATION	Conversion of the Parish
26 th	Thursday	9:15	pm	Castle Donington	Lenten Feria	Holy Souls
27 th	Friday	8:30	am	Melbourne * (Holy Hour)	-	-
		9:15	am	Melbourne*	Lenten Feria	Holy Souls
28 th	Saturday	8:00	am	Ashby*	Lenten Feria	Nelly & Maggie (RIP)
		8:30	am	Ashby (Holy Hour)	-	-
29 th	Sun vigil	17:00	pm	Castle Donington	Palm Sunday	Peter Neal Jnr
	Sunday	9:00	am	Melbourne	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
	-	11:00	am	Ashby	Palm Sunday	Marcelle Mallia-Bondin (RIP)

*Mass is from Divine Worship or the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. All welcome.

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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



3rd April 2nd Collection: **HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE**

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.

PARISH ADVENT CHARITY: LOROS

The local charity that the parish has chosen to support this Lent is LOROS hospice in Leicester. We will be undertaking 2nd Collections for Loros throughout the season of Lent. Please be prayerful and generous. www.loros.co.uk

NEW PARISH BOOK-KEEPER REQUIRED – after 12 years of dedicated service Tony Holt is stepping down as Parish Book-keeper. If a member of the parish has a little book-keeping experience and would be able to help in this capacity, please speak to Fr. Andrew or Tony. Tony is happy to speak about what is required and give you guidance. This is an essential role in the functioning of the parish, and needs to be filled soon so please give it your prayerful attention.

NEW GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR – We are looking for someone to be our new Gift Aid Co-Ordinator. It is not a very demanding role, and George would be very happy to talk to you about it. Please speak to Fr. Andrew.

The Nottingham 40 Days for Life, Praying for an end to abortion, runs between Wednesday 18th February and Sunday 29th March. During these 40 days of Lent profilers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non-judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion, and offering support for post-abortive women. More information is at www.40daysforlife.com/nottingham or contact 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com.

††† Stations of the Cross during Lent †††

Accompany Jesus to the Cross. Make Lent count and prepare for Easter.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch - This Sunday at **15:30**
Melbourne and Castle Donington on alternating Wednesdays beginning at 18:30:
Melbourne – Mar 25 **Castle Donington** –Apr 1

LENT SOUP NIGHT

Castle Donington

27th March 2026 starting at 7pm

Tickets £6

In aid in LOROS

Please bring your own drink



Melbourne coffee morning.

St Mary's Hall, Saturday 28 March,
10am-noon.

Toasted Hot Cross Buns



Lenten Reflections –a series of mini retreats based on the writings and life of St Therese of Lisieux. They are from 10:30 (after adoration) to 12:00, in the crypt at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Men's Retreat on **Saturday 28th March** between 9.45am and 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Canon Chris Thomas (Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for 10 years) will lead the Day, entitled "Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless". The Retreat costs £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. All men aged 18 or over are very welcome; to book (by 20th March) visit: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/mensretreatday>

Women's Retreat being held on **Saturday 21st March** at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. The Retreat is entitled "The Great Women of the Old Testament", and will be led by Sister Susan Richert. The Retreat costs £15 per person, including a cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday

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. **Next date is March 26th.**

CONFIRMATION IN 2026 – We will shortly be starting the preparation of young people for the sacrament of Confirmation. The date for Confirmation is Tuesday 24th November, 2026. To be eligible you will need to be at least 14 years old by that date. Classes are the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month. Registration forms are now available in the church or email Fr. Andrew. **The first session will be Thursday the 16th of April at 18:30 in the crypt of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby.**

Attendance	Collections	Envelopes	Standing Orders	Total	Parish LOROS Lent Collection
228	£ 457.81	£ 68.30	£ -	£ 526.11	£ 413.49