

**Entrance antiphon:**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy

**Psalm response:**

Remember your mercy, Lord.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia.

**The Apostles Creed** is on page 8.

**To conclude the Bidding Prayers:**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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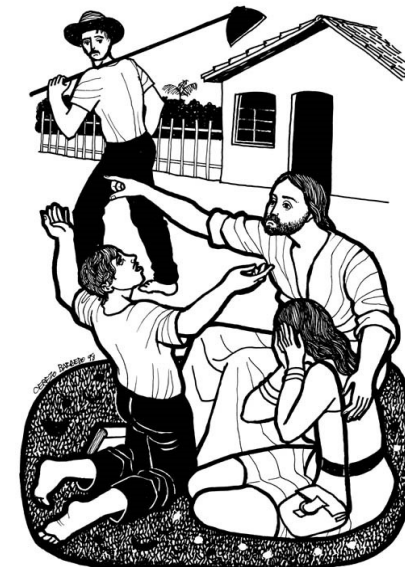


## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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### Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

1st October 2017



A man had two sons...

**Welcome:** If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we would like you to know how welcome you are.

**Family Mass**—The children will be helping us celebrate the Family Mass at 10.30am today

**We welcome Archbishop Kevin McDonald this weekend** and are very grateful for his teaching on the Holy Spirit on Friday and Saturday. We thank him for celebrating the weekend masses and for leading us in our St Michael's weekend.

**Next weekend we welcome Fr Alejandro** to St Michael's to celebrate our weekend masses, as Father Michael will be on annual leave.

Thank you for last week's **offertory collection:** Standing orders: **£365;** Non-Gift Aid : **£116.30;** Gift Aid : **£ 88.30** Total : **£569.60.**  
Second collection: **£197.55** (Father Hudson's Society).

### Dates for Your Diary

**Snack and Chat lunch:** Tuesday 17th October. Doors open @ 12pm

**Romero—Rise Theatre,** 22nd November, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church.

**Christmas Pudding Making Evening**—date TBC

**Ecumenical Safari Supper**—70 parishioners from 5 Churches took part in an Ecumenical Supper last Friday. People were invited to Stoke Row Chapel and The Parish Hall of St John's, Kidmore End for a starter of fruit punch and canapes.

Then it was on to Christ the King for chilli with all the extras and Spring-water on Blount's Court Road for tarragon chicken with crushed new potatoes. And finally everyone gathered at St Michael's church hall for individual sticky toffee puddings and a fundraising raffle. What a truly wonderful event—there was an amazing buzz and energy as everyone mingled and chatted: and some of us realised we lived down the road from each other. One of our parishioners commented that she was particularly moved by the friendliness and strength of faith of the members of the other churches she had spoken with. It is an event that everyone enjoyed and agreed should be repeated. If you couldn't make it this time, please do think about joining in with the next one.

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family and friends of **Christine Bussell** whose funeral will take place on Wednesday at 11.00 am at St Michael's, followed by burial at Kidmore End.



### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

#### Twenty Sixth Sunday

Vigil 5.30 pm  
Sunday 9.00 am  
10.30 am

Intentions of June Raynard  
Earthquake victims  
People of the Parish

Monday 9.30 am  
Tuesday 12.00 pm  
Wednesday 11.00 am  
Thursday 12.00 pm  
Friday

Diocesan Memorial Mass  
Diocesan Memoria Mass  
**Funeral** : Christine Bussell  
Diocesan Memorial Mass

#### Twenty Seventh Sunday

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
10.30am

George Raynard  
Diocesan Memorial Mass  
People of the Parish

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am and 4.45 - 5.15pm Or at any time on request.

**Remember,** O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness, I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins. To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words. O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

#### Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Maria (Kenney) Ashcroft, Vera Bird, June Black, Clifford Browne, Gabby Collinson, Rita Conlon, Mike Coulehan, Julian Neil Dunstan (grandson of Marion Fallon), Kitty Jakubszyn, Mary Lewis, James Marsh, Maria McNamara, Eugenie Micotti, Siobhan Moran, Bernard Oattes, Claudia Rodrigues, Barbara Small, and those known only to you.

**Volunteers urgently needed** - We need two or three volunteers to form a new team to count and bank the weekly collections. The count can be done in the presbytery after the 10.30 Mass. Details from Fr Michael or Deacon Brian. **In addition, we need volunteers** to help with the Welcoming, Readings and/or Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Katy Withers at [katyokonta@hotmail.com](mailto:katyokonta@hotmail.com)

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