

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)** Roman Missal Page 90 & 93

**Entrance antiphon:**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted;  
Let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Psalm response:**

God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

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

**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.

**To conclude the Bidding Prayers:**

May He support us all the day long  
til the shades lengthen  
and the evening comes  
and the busy world is hushed  
and the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.  
Then, in His mercy,  
may He give us a safe lodging  
and a holy rest  
and peace at the last. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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### First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017



Stay awake, because you do not know  
when the master of the house is coming.

**Welcome:** If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

**Family Mass**—The children will be helping us celebrate the Family Mass at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Thank you for last week's **offertory collection:** Standing orders: **£365**; Non-Gift Aid : **£ 138.49** Gift Aid : **£ 115.72** Total : **£ 619.21**  
Second collection last week for the Diocesan Youth Service: **£99.94**

**Advent Tree.** Once again parishioners are asked to take a label from the tree, buy the gift printed on the back, wrap it and fix the label securely to the parcel. Parcels should be returned to the base of the tree by Sunday 17th December. They will be distributed to the sick and elderly of the parish and the drop-in centre in Reading.



**Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop,** Saturday 16th December  
Evelyn and Janice are delighted that all places for the workshop have now been filled. We regret that we are unable to accept any more names.

We are still looking for **volunteers to help count the Sunday collections.** Please see Fr Michael, Deacon Brian or Stephen Fox.



**The children who are to receive Holy Communion** for the first time next Spring will register as candidates during the 10.30 am Family Mass this Sunday.

**Items for the Newsletter:** Please send to [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk)

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

### First Sunday of Advent

Vigil	5.30 pm	Dmm
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Sue Hammond
Monday	9.30 am	Dmm
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour in Preparation for Christmas.</b>
Tuesday	12.00pm	Dmm
Wednesday	9.00am	KS1 Penance Service in St Martin's School.
	<b>12.00pm</b>	Dmm
Thursday	12.00pm	Dmm
Friday	9.30am	Dmm

### Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil	5.30pm	Dmm
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Dmm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

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

### 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 Oates, Claudia Rodrigues, Barbara Small, Lucy Collaco and those known only to you.

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