

Entrance antiphon:

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations,
and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

Psalm response:

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

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. 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, is His mercy,
may He give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.



Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2017



John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming
a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Thank you for last week's **offertory collection:** Standing orders: **£365;** Non-Gift Aid : **£ 220.30** Gift Aid : **£ 131.00**
Total : **£ 716..30**

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 then 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.



First Holy Communion 2018: 25 children will begin their preparation in the New Year. Parishioners are invited to support them by becoming *Prayer Sponsors*. Please sign the list at the back of church. When the list is full you will be assigned a child.

Embrace the Middle East is our chosen parish charity for Advent. Details and donation boxes are available at the back of church and envelopes are provided for Gift Aid. More information on this charity, led by one of our parishioners, can be found at www.embraceme.org

Diary Dates

11th December 7.00 pm **Advent Holy Hour**
16th December **Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop** (Fully booked)
17th December 5.00 pm **Pangbourne Silver Band Christmas Concert.**
18th December 7.30 pm **Penance Service**
19th December 12.30 pm **Snack & Chat Lunch**

Christmas cards are now available at the back of church: large packs £8.00, small packs £4.99, individual cards 60p.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday	9.30 am	Dmm
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	7.00 pm	Holy Hour in Preparation for Christmas.
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Tuesday	9.30 am	Dmm
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Wednesday	9.00am	Dmm Mass in St Martin's School
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Thursday	12.00pm	Dmm
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Friday	9.30am	Dmm
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Third Sunday of Advent

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