

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.

To follow the Bidding Prayers:

Hail Mary Full of grace.....

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have gained for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly. Amen.

(St Richard of Chichester)

Communion Antiphon:

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

The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichael.sonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please do return it to the console at
the back of Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.



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10th December, 2023
The Second Sunday of Advent



WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.
All Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found at
www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk

If you would like a home visit please call Fr Michael Tel: 0118 972 3418,
Deacon Brian Theobald Tel: 07484332580 or email the parish office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK: Non Gift Aid £217.05

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION this weekend** on behalf of the **POOR PARISHES**

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION next Monday the 18th December at 7.00pm

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE OF 5 WELL MATURED CHRISTMAS CAKES

made by Father Michael and raffled in aid of CIRDIC

Raffle tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and next
and the draw will take place after all masses have finished on Sunday 17th December

THE BIG CLEAN

This **SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 9.30AM** onwards for the cleaning of the inside of the church before Christmas. Please do come along - even if you can come for just half an hour or an hour every bit of help makes the work easier.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are now available at the back of Church

AND WE ALSO HAVE **CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDARS**
(for children not at St Martin's school (who will receive one at school))



THE YEAR OF PRAYER

This liturgical year, starting this weekend, has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. Please see the resources on St Michael's website for more information.

THE 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 **no later than Sunday 17th December**. They will be distributed to the sick and elderly of the parish and to CIRDIC the drop-in centre in Reading.



MISSIO RED BOXES

Please would all red box holders bring their boxes to Church to be emptied
Please call Jacqui on 07970 692056 if you need her to collect your box.
There are Missio direct debit forms by the second collection basket for those who might prefer not to have a Red Box in the future, but would still like to donate.

WE ARE INVITED TO THE FINAL ADVENT SESSION ON PRAYER

At the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Vicarage Road, Henley on Thames
THIS TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7.30PM—9.00PM - ALL WELCOME

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December, 2023

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Marian Fallon Private Intention
Sunday	9.00 am	Helen Coffey
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Peace in the Middle East
	7.00 pm	Holy Hour in Preparation for Christmas
Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.30 am	Mgr Freddie Miles
Thursday	12.00 pm	Keith Buck
Friday	9.30 am	Holy Souls

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December, 2023

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Ukraine
Sunday	9.00 am	Barbara Pike RIP
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Please note the change of Mass time on Tuesday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the Sacristy this Saturday, 9th December, from 10.00am - 10.30am or at any time on request.

The Sacrament of the Sick - is available any time on request. Tel: Fr. Michael on 0118 972 3418

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Phyllis Belletty, Robert Brooks, Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies, Bob Ely, Alison Flynn, Cecilia Fung, Mary Hagger, Jim Hardiman, Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmonth, Mary Lewis, Louise Milledge, Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers, Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz, Beth Selwood, Geoffrey Stitt, Shirley Trollop.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

GOSPEL SHARE - Wednesdays at 7.00pm - please email Brian for the zoom codes dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk

CIRDIC are now collecting: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Soaps, Shampoos, Razors, Medium underwear for men and size 12 for ladies and socks for all. Please put in a bag and leave in or by the box at the back of Church (in the alcove)

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Mary Lewis** who can be contacted at: sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk

or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.