WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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.

We welcome Father John Roche to our Church this weekend who will be making an appeal (SECOND COLLECTION) on behalf of The St Patrick's Missionary Society at all our weekend Masses 10/11th February

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS THIS MONDAY 7PM - 8PM AND EVERY MONDAY UNTIL EASTER

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, 6PM

hosted by our Church - St. Michael's RC Church, this year.

This is a Women led Global Christian Ecumenical Service
It is a time to meet fellow local Christians, everyone is welcome, so come along and sing and pray with the people of Palestine. We also need help from the women of our Parish to help host the event. To greet people at the Church, to serve food/tea/coffee and clear up.

If you can help, please contact Sue Reid 0118-9481423 or Judy Fox 01491-681646

EXPLORING PRAYER - A LENTEN RETREAT:

Saturday 9th March, 9.45am -2.30pm in the church hall. Discover or rediscover traditional prayers and explore alternative ways of praying. The day will be between you and God. Please bring a packed lunch.

SAFARI SUPPER:

The local Christian churches are hoping to hold this event on 6th July. We are looking for a parish representative who will liaise with the other churches (no cooking required). Talk to Deacon Brian for more information.

FOOD BANK: Our local food bank is in urgent need of more delivery drivers. If you can spare a couple of hours at your convenience, please speak to Brian.

We require just two more **PRAYER SPONSORS** to pray for the children making their First Holy Communion - please do sign the sheet at the back of Church

THE SYCAMORE COURSE

Will be taking a break for half term and will return on Tuesday 20th February at 2.30pm at St Martin's Catholic Primary School,.

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 by telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

THE SIXTH SUN	DAY OF THE	YEAR 11TH FEBRUARY, 2024
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 am	Anthony Horne RIP
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Ukraine
	7.00pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday	7 .00pm	Vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday / Stephen Aldworth
Wednesday	12.00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday	12.00 pm	Peace in the Middle East
Friday	9.30 am	Holy Souls

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY, 2024

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Sunday	9.00 am	Stephen Aldworth and Cotter Family Deceased
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

This Wednesday 14th February, is Ash Wednesday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the Sacristy this Saturday, 10th February, from 10.00am - 10.30am or at any time on request.

The Sacrament of the Sick - is available any time on request., please Telephone: 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, Mary Edwards, Bob Ely, Alison Flynn, Cecilia Fung, Mary Hagger, Jim Hardiman, Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmonth, Louise Milledge, Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers, Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz, Beth Selwood, Carl Stitt, Shirley Trollop. May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

Gospel Share Wednesday - dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk for the zoom access

LAST CHANCE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family and friends of **Joe Rush** who has died. May he rest in peace. His funeral will be at St Michael's on Tuesday, 20th February, at 12.30pm



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Roman Missal Pages 227

Entrance antiphon: Be my protector, O God,

a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Psalm response: You are my refuge, O Lord;

you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. 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: They ate and had their fill,

and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved

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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"If you want to, you can cure me," said the leper.