

**Entrance antiphon:**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Psalm response:**

I will bless his people with peace.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." 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:**

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.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified  
that this is the Son of God.



## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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### The Baptism of the Lord



And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

**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: **£377;** Non-Gift Aid : **£177.73** Gift Aid : **£123.00** Total : **£677.73**

Please remember to return your collection boxes for our Advent charity which is **Embrace the Middle East.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sunday 20th January, 6.30pm.** This year's unity service will be hosted by the Springwater Chapel, Blounts Court Road. To find Springwater: head towards Peppard and at the top of the hill turn sharp right into Blounts Court Road. The chapel is a few yards on the left.

**The Real Schools Guide 2019 ranks St Martin's Primary School as the 3rd best in Reading.**

**If you would like to apply for the Headship** of St Anne's and St Martin's Schools in Caversham please contact Jacqueline Campbell on [bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk) or by phoning 01189375597

**World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March.** Organised by women throughout the world. This year this ecumenical service is being written by the women of Slovenia. Preparations for our local event are underway and we are looking for help with the singing. The first choir practice is at 2pm, Thursday 17th Jan and then every Thursday, at the Springwater Chapel, Blount's Court Road. All women are welcome to the practices. Men, women and children are invited to the service on 1st March. **For more information please see Frances Theobald, Judy Fox or Sue Reid.**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**15th January, Tuesday Snack and Chat after the 12pm Mass in the Church Hall.**

**Sunday 20th January, 6.30pm. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Springwater Chapel, Blounts Court Road.

**26th January, Saturday Parish Annual Quiz and Curry Evening 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall**

**Friday 22nd February—Sunday 24th February** Come and Experience the peace and beauty of Medjugorje in London—please see the poster at the back of Church.

**Friday 1st March—World Day of Prayer** at Christ The King, Sonning Common

### **THIS WEEK'S MASSES**

#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

Vigil	5.30 pm	Victims of the Tsunami in Indonesia
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Steven Coleman RIP
Monday	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving (MA/ML)
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Ukraine
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in St Martin's School</b> (People of the Parish)
Friday	9.30 am	Mrs Joan Godfrey (21st Anniv)

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vigil	5.30 pm	Barbara Small (80th birthday)
Sunday	9.00 am	Family & Friends of BM
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

#### **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**

Michael Coulehan, Christopher Hicks, Veronica Parker, Clarina Rodrigues, Maddy Sharman, Helen Williams.

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