#### 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.



# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th — 25th January

SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Sunday 21st January, 6.00pm at Stoke Row Chapel
Do come and join the ecumenical service in Stoke Row.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2024 and he/she does **NOT** attend St Martin's Primary school, please email Mrs Deborah West at <a href="dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk">dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk</a> as soon as possible.

If you would like to be a **prayer sponsor** for one of the communicants, then please do sign the sheet at the back of Church and Deacon Brian will be in touch with you, with your child's name.

CHRISTMAS GIFT AMNESTY - WE KNOW THAT FATHER CHRISTMAS DOES NOT ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT - SO DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

We are looking for a some prizes for a raffle we will be holding at the start of February to help raise funds for a charitable project in the Middle East.

Can you help? Please bring any prize donations to the Church office or give them to Fr Michael or Deacon Brian after any of the Masses

## **The Sycamore Course**

This liturgical year, has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. So why not join in the Sycamore Course, module on prayer, Starting on 23rd January at 2.30pm lead by Deacon Brian and held at St Martin's Catholic Primary School, Pendennis Avenue, Caversham Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no need to commit to every session

## The World day of Prayer Friday, 1st March, 6pm Here at St Michael's Church

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: <a href="mailto:sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk">sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk</a> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted by Telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing <a href="mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk">safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</a> if you have any concern.

#### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

14TH JANUARY, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Renee and Bertram George
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish Diane Kemp RIP
	10.30 am	Diane Kemp Kii
Monday	9.30 am	Requiem: Mary Clay
Tuesday	11.00am	<b>Funeral Mass for Owen Kearns</b>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Ukraine
Wednesday Thursday	9.30 am 12.00 pm	Ukraine Rosaleen Thomas' Intentions

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

21st January, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this Saturday, 13th January, 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, 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, Carl Stitt, Shirley Trollop.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

Please pray for the repose of the souls and the consolation of the families of Myron Johnson, Owen Kearns and Mary Clay who have died.

May they rest in peace



Gospel Share every Wednesday. Please contact Deacon Brian dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk for the zoom access code

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)** Roman Missal Pages 185

## **Entrance antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. 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:**

You have prepared a table for me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)** 



Jesus calls Peter to follow Him