

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 Deacon Brian Theobald
Tel: 07484332580 or email the parish office.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Andrew Foster** and **Fr Michael Doyle**
who will celebrate this weekend's Masses

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

THIS MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 7PM
With the opportunity for personal confession

ADVENT REFLECTION LED BY DEACON BRIAN

Thursday 19th December at 7pm in Church
The Nativity through the eyes of Matthew, Luke and John. What about Mark?
Please bring a Bible or New Testament with you if you have one.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Offerings donated will be for Fr Michael Sharkey.
Envelopes are available at the back of Church or you can use the card reader.

PARISH CARDS giving the times of Advent and Christmas services and
activities are now available at the back of Church. Please do take some for others.

A MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Fr Michael Sharkey's pastoral care of our
parish, will be celebrated **on the 12th January** at 10.30am . Please save the date.

FATHER MICHAEL'S booklet **A POCKETFUL OF PRAYERS**—is now available again
The price is slightly increased at £3.50 as we had to incur delivery charges.

Please pray for the repose of the souls and the consolation of
the families of **Henry Belletty and June Raynard**
(Phyllis's sister) Their funerals will be at St Michael's
Church on Friday 20th December at 12 noon



Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of
the family of **Mary Hardiman**. The funeral will be at
St Michael's on Saturday, 21st Dec. at 9.30am.



THE ADVENT TREE - Once again we ask you to support the elderly of the parish and
those in need at the Reading Drop-In Centre. Please take a gift tag from the tree, buy and
wrap the present named on the tag. Attach the tag to the present and return it to the base
of the tree by the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 22nd December**, when they will be collected
ready for distribution.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15TH DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Bridget McDonnell & Michael McDonnell RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation
Tuesday	12 .00 pm	Chez Black and family
Wednesday		No Liturgy
Thursday	12 .00 pm	Belletty Family RIP
Friday	12.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Henry Belletty and June Raynard

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER, 2024

Saturday	9.30am	Funeral Mass for Mary Hardiman
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Carmel Barker RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish

Please note the change of time of Mass on Thursday this week

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the
Sacristy before and after each of the weekend Masses.

The Sacrament of the Sick - on request, telephone 0118 972 3418

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier,
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Mary Edwards, Mary Hagger,
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmouth,
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

New Parish Secretary/Administrator required.

Please email the office at - stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk . for more information.

SALARY £15 PER HOUR FOR 10 HOURS A WEEK

First Holy Communion 2025

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion
in June 2025 and he/she **does NOT** attend St Martin's Primary school, please email
Mrs Deborah West at dwest@smartins.reading.sch.uk as soon as possible

Please would **ALL Red Box holders return their boxes**, even if they are
empty, to St Michael's as soon as possible. Please contact Jacqui Watterton
on 07970 692056 or by email jacquiwatterton@gmail.com she can collect.

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 concerns.

Entrance antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Psalm response: Shout aloud and sing praise
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Acclamation: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

The Apostles Creed is on page 456.

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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, in His mercy,
may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.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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15th December, 2024



**“If anyone has two tunics he must share
with him who has none.”**