

**Entrance antiphon:**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice ! The Lord is near.

**Psalm response:**

My soul rejoices in my God.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
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:**

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not,  
our God will come to save us.



## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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### Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2017



I baptise you with water but one is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

**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: **£365**; Non-Gift Aid : **£ 87.15** Gift Aid : **£ 108.65** Total : **£ 560.80** **Poor Parishes £83.90**

#### “Christmas Offerings”

Traditionally these are for your Parish Priest and are his main source of income. These offerings are not covered by your standing orders which go for the general maintenance of the Church. Please remember to bring cash or cheques.

Next year we hope to have a card machine as we move to a cashless society.

Stephen: Chairman of Finance Committee.

**First Holy Communion 2018:** 25 children will begin their preparation in the New Year. Parishioners are invited to support them by becoming *Prayer Sponsors*. Please sign the list at the back of church. When the list is full you will be assigned a child.

Copies of the **Archbishop's Pastoral Letter** are available at the back of Church

**Embrace the Middle East** is our chosen parish charity for Advent.

#### Diary Dates

17th December 5.00 pm **Pangbourne Silver Band Christmas Concert.**

18th December 7.30 pm **Penance Service**

19th December 12.30 pm **Snack & Chat Lunch**

**Christmas cards** are now available at the back of church: large packs £8.00, small packs £4.99, individual cards 60p.



**Items for the Newsletter:** Please send to [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk)

#### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

##### Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil	5.30 pm	Dmm
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Dmm
Monday	9.30 am	Dmm
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Penance Service</b>
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Dmm
Wednesday	9.30am	Dmm
Thursday	12.00pm	Dmm
Friday	9.30am	Christine Bussell (PA & FA)

##### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Dmm

##### 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

Maria (Kenney) Ashcroft, Vera Bird, June Black, Clifford Browne, Gabby Collinson, Rita Conlon, Mike Coulehan, Julian Neil Dunstan (grandson of Marion Fallon), Kitty Jakubszyn, Mary Lewis, James Marsh, Maria McNamara, Eugenie Micotti, Siobhan Moran, Bernard Oates, Claudia Rodrigues, Barbara Small, Lucy Collaco and those known only to you.

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