

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

Roman Missal Pages 110 & 113

**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.

**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:** 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.saintmichael.sonningcommon.org.uk](http://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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17th December, 2023  
The Third Sunday of Advent



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

## 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](http://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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK: Non Gift Aid £116.20**

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION THIS Monday the 18th December at 7.00pm**

### “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. Or you can  
also pay via the card machine.

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE OF 5 WELL MATURED CHRISTMAS CAKES**  
made by Father Michael and raffled in aid of CIRDIC

**Raffle tickets are available after all Masses this weekend** and the draw will  
take place after all masses have finished on Sunday 17th December

### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PARISHIONERS THAT TURNED UP TO THE BIG CLEAN LAST SATURDAY

They ranged in age from 2 years old to 88 ! I am sure everyone will agree that  
the Church looks spruce and clean and ready for our Christmas Services

**THE ADVENT TREE** - Parcels need to be returned to the base of the tree  
**no later than THIS Sunday 17th December.** They will be distributed to the sick  
and elderly of the parish and to CIRDIC the drop-in centre in Reading.



CIRDIC are now collecting: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Soaps,  
Shampoos, Razors, Medium underwear for men and size 12 for ladies and socks for all.  
Please put in a bag and leave in or by the box at the back of Church (in the alcove)

**GOSPEL SHARE** - Wednesdays at 7.00pm - please email Brian for the zoom  
codes [dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk)

**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](mailto:sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk)  
or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on  
0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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17th December, 2023

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Barbara Pike
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Peace in the Middle East
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Service of Reconciliation with Confession</b>
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Irenka Motyka
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>School Mass at St Martin's All Welcome</b>
Thursday	12.00 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30 am	Carmel Barker

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24th December, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>		
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00 am	Ukraine
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
Children's Mass	5.00 pm	Peace on Earth
Night Mass	8.00 pm	Stephen Aldworth and Cotter Family Deceased
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</b>		
Monday	10.00 am	Holy Souls

**Please note the change of Mass time and location on Wednesday of this week**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this  
Saturday, 16th December, from 10.00am - 10.30am or at any time on request.

**The Sacrament of the Sick** - is available any time on request. Tel: 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,  
Geoffrey Stitt, Shirley Trollop.

**May the Lord bring them healing and peace.**

### THE YEAR OF PRAYER



This liturgical year, has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope  
Francis. Please see the resources on St Michael's website for more  
information.