

## 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.

## HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

**HOLY HOUR** FOR VOCATIONS THIS MONDAY 7PM - 8PM

### “CAN YOU SPARE AN EASTER EGG FOR A CHILD IN NEED?”

we are once again collecting easter eggs for the vulnerable children's unit  
Please leave your egg in the box at back of church. Thank you

### MAUNDY THURSDAY.

Volunteers are needed for the Washing of Feet (women, men and children)  
and watching at the Altar of Repose. Please sign the lists at the back of the church.

### TO ALL AGED 11-18.

Would you like to take part in a new and exciting venture at St Michael's?  
We will be running Masses on the third Sunday of each calendar month,  
during term time only. These ministries will be carried out by you at the  
10.30am Mass. You may want to read, sing in the choir, play an instrument,  
take up the Offertory, be an Altar Server (there are more!) - each role is  
pivotal to our worship of God. If you would like to know more, please ask  
your parent(s) to email Mrs Deborah West at [dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk)

### EMBRACE GAZA

You can still donate to our Lenten appeal via the Dona machine or using one  
of the Embrace the Middle East envelopes at the back of Church

CIRDIC are in great need of coffee and sugar. If you'd like to donate a bag of  
please leave them in the box marked CIRDIC at the back of the church.

### MISSING PEOPLE CHARITY

**Marlena's** brother-in-law, Trevor O'Donnell, went missing 30 years ago.  
She is doing a 10k sponsored walk on 22nd March to raise money for the  
Missing People charity. If you would like to support her, you can make a  
donation via a fundraising page: [https://www.givengain.com/project/  
marlana-raising-funds-for-missing-people-74692](https://www.givengain.com/project/marlana-raising-funds-for-missing-people-74692)

THE MIDLAND CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY welcomes new members —  
details can be found at <https://midlandcatholichistory.org.uk>

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17TH MARCH, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Michael Coulehan
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	St Patrick
Monday	9.30 am	Sudan
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Intentions of Rosaleen
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Mass in St Martin's school</b> - everyone welcome
Thursday	12.00 pm	Peace in the Middle East
Friday	12.15pm	Funeral of Allan Williams

## PALM SUNDAY

24TH MARCH, 2024

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

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

**Stations of the Cross** - following the midday Masses Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this  
Saturday, 16th March, from 10.00am - 10.30am and from 4.45-5.30pm or at any time on request

**The Sacrament of the Sick** - any time on request., telephone 0118 972 3418

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Phyllis Belletty, Vera Bird, Robert Brooks,  
Liz Bouchier, Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies, Mary Edwards,  
Bob Ely, Alison Flynn, Cecilia Fung, Mary Hagger, Jim Hardiman,  
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmonth, Louise Milledge,  
Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers,  
Fr. Paul Rowan, Marilyn and Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz, Carl Stitt,  
Shirley Trollop. **May the Lord bring them healing and peace.**

**GOSPEL SHARE** Wednesday - email Brian at [dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk) for zoom

Please pray for the repose of the soul and  
the consolation of the family and friends of  
**Allan Williams** whose funeral will be at  
St Michael's on Friday, 22nd March, at 12.15pm.



The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Arch-  
dioceses 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 by telephoning: 0121 230 6240  
or emailing [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Entrance antiphon:** Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**Psalm response : A pure heart create for me, O God.**

**Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ; you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me.  
Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you, O Christ ; you are the Word of God!

The **Apostles Creed** is on page 8.

**To follow 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.

(V) Pray for us O most holy Mother of God  
( R ) that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

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Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to seek reward  
save that of knowing that we do your holy will. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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 March, 2024

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**



“I, when I am lifted up, will draw all people towards me.”