

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – LENT COLLECTION AT MASSES THIS WEEK

Mrs Deborah West, our parish rep for CAFOD, will speak this Sunday about what we can do to help.

Please use the envelope in church or give online at www.cafod.org.uk

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS THIS MONDAY 7PM - 8PM

Raffle: Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, helped sell tickets and to all who bought tickets for the **Parish Raffle—we raised £420** which will be donated to CIRDIC to buy food for meals for the homeless of Reading and to the Refugee Centre to buy English books to help teach English

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, 6PM

hosted by our Church - St. Michael's RC Church, this year.

This is a Women led Global Christian Ecumenical Service

It is a time to meet fellow local Christians, everyone is welcome, so come along and sing and pray with the people of Palestine. **We also need help from the women of our Parish** to help host the event. To greet people at the Church, to serve food/tea/coffee and clear up.

If you can help, please contact **Sue Reid** 0118-9481423 or **Judy Fox** 01491-681646

EXPLORING PRAYER - A LENTEN RETREAT:

Saturday 9th March, 9.45am -2.30pm in the church hall.

Discover or rediscover traditional prayers and explore alternative ways of praying. The day will be between you and God. Please bring a packed lunch.

FOOD BANK: Our local food bank is in urgent **need** of more **delivery drivers** . If you can spare a couple of hours at your convenience, please speak to Brian.

LENTEN CALENDARS for Children not at St Martin's school and Adults are now available at the back of Church, please help yourself

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

GOSPEL SHARE Wednesday - please email Brian at dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk for the zoom access

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 concern.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Stephen Aldworth and Cotter Family Deceased
Monday	9.30 am	Anthony Horton RIP
	3.00 pm	Reception into Church: Joe Rush
	7.00 pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Funeral: Joe Rush
Wednesday	9.00 am	Mass at St Martin's school.
Thursday	12.00 pm	Intentions of Rosaleen Thomas
Friday	9.30 am	Beth Selwood and family

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25TH FEBRUARY, 2024

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

Stations of the Cross will be said following the midday Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Phyllis Belletty, 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.**

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Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family and friends of **Beth Selwood** who has died (funeral details to follow) and for **Joe Rush** whose funeral will be at St Michael's on Tuesday, 20th February, at 12.30pm. May they rest in peace.



Entrance antiphon:

When he calls to me I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days

**Psalm response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.**

Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

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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: Man does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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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18th February, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



Jesus went out into the wilderness and was there for forty days,
fasting and praying.