

**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 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.

**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.

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## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

18th March 2018



Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain, but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

**Welcome:** If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

**Thank you** for your Offertory last week: **£365** (standing orders) **£89.00** (Gift Aid) **£242.00** (non-Gift Aid) Total : **£796.00**

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 20th March** **Snack & Chat Doors open at 12 pm**  
**Tuesday 20th March** **St Mark's Gospel Chapter 6**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** **Passover Supper** tickets available in the Sacristy  
**Friday 23rd March** **Women's World Day of Prayer 6.30 pm**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March** **Big Church Clean 9.30am**  
“ “ “ **Easter Flower Workshop the hall**  
**Monday 26th March** **Service of reconciliation 7.30pm here**

**St Mark's Gospel.** St Mark's Gospel meeting this week. **Chapter 6 Tuesday 20th March at 10.00 am** at 1 Russet Close, Sonning Common. We will then take a break until after the Easter Holidays resuming 10th April. Everyone welcome.

**Awareness of other Faiths.** The Church encourages us to engage with members of other religions, so please do think about coming to our Passover meal lead by Rabbi Zvi this Thursday. Tickets are £5 to cover the cost of the meal.

Thursday 22nd March: Rabbi Zvi to lead us in the  
**Passover Meal**

**World Women's Day of Prayer**— This Friday 23rd March at 6.30pm. St Michael's Church is hosting the WWDP this year and everyone is welcome. Many thanks to all those who have offered help on the day and refreshment items—we look forward to seeing you on Friday.

**Don't Forget the Big Church Clean** in time for Easter this coming Saturday 24th March, **9.30 am**—all help very much appreciated—Krisie will provide cakes and teas and coffee to all helpers as a thank you.

**Easter Flower Arranging Workshop**—Saturday 24th March 10am–12 noon. If interested please contact Eveline - [evododd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:evododd@yahoo.co.uk) or Janice - [Janice.halter@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.halter@gmail.com). Places are limited to 18 so do book early.

**Easter Card Distribution:** Thank you to all who help with the distribution of parish cards at Easter and Christmas. The Easter cards are now ready for distribution and can be found at the back of the church. Extra cards are available for anyone to take for family, friends or neighbours. Please help yourself.

### **THIS WEEK'S MASSES**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent B**

Vigil	5.30 pm	Special Intention (EO).
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Intentions of P. Aldworth
Monday	9.30 am	Dmm
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Dmm
Wednesday	9.30 am	Dmm
Thursday	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>In St Martin's School</b>
Friday	9.30 am	Dmm

#### **Palm Sunday**

Vigil	5.30pm	Tony Zerafa/The late Edward (Ted) Platt
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Stephen Hawking

( Dmm stands for Diocesan Memorial Mass”)

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am and 4.45 - 5.15pm Or at any time on request.

**Stations of the Cross** in Lent every Sunday at 10.00 am.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 7-8 pm on the Mondays of Lent, concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. Come for a few minutes or the full hour to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Our Children Need You**— Due to changing personal circumstances we are in need of volunteers to help with **The Children's Liturgy**. This is an important role in making the Word accessible to younger children in our Parish. Please contact Katy Withers ([katyokonta@hotmail.com](mailto:katyokonta@hotmail.com)) if you might be able to help—even if only occasionally.

#### **Please remember the sick in your prayers**

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