

**Entrance antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Psalm response:**

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

**The Apostles Creed** is on page 456.

**After the Bidding Prayers:**

Hail Mary Full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**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:**

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice  
that quenches my thirst.

The newsletter is also available at [www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk](http://www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.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.



**Roman Catholic Parish  
of St Michael's  
Sonning Common**

Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,  
Checkendon, Stoke Row, Emmer Green and Caversham Park



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19th January 2025**

**Thought for the Week**

Last week's Mass in celebration of Fr Michael's eight years tending us was a joyous occasion. Many shared fond memories of Father Michael's time with us over tea and cake.

During the Mass we all enjoyed hearing the choir sing the beautiful words Fr Michael wrote to the tune of Suo Gan, which translates from the Welsh as lullaby. One word especially caught my attention: 'pilgrims'

Pilgrimage holds profound significance for Christians, symbolizing a journey towards a deeper faith and divine encounter. Jesuit priest Father Gerard W. Hughes exemplified this through his writings and personal journeys. In his book 'In Search of a Way', he recounts his pilgrimage on foot to Rome and reflects on the spiritual insights he obtained on his journey.

Pope Francis has given the 2025 Jubilee Year the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', inviting us to undertake a pilgrimage.

He encouraged the faithful world wide to embark on pilgrimages in this sacred year of spiritual renewal, reflection and grace.

One of the most renowned Christian pilgrimages is the Way of St James leading to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The numbers walking a section of the Camino has been steadily increasing with nearly half a million making a section of this pilgrimage route in 2024. I numbered among them in September 2022 and found it a wonderful spiritual experience.

As Christians we have been taught to view life as a pilgrimage, a journey toward spiritual fulfilment. We were fortunate to have Fr Michael shepherd us on our spiritual journey for so many years. We thank him in his words, sang after our Communion, for his strength to serve and love us all with,

'Bread of heaven, Bread of pilgrims.'

Amen.

Jim

## WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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

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All Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website

**This weekend we welcome Fr Joseph Murphy**

### SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This Sunday **January 19th at 6pm** here at St Michael's

The ecumenical service will be followed by a light supper of soup and bread with teas and coffees and cakes in the Church Hall

All welcome - We hope you will join us.

### PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR MASS.

It would be helpful if a number of parishioners from each of the Masses were able to open the church and make it ready for Mass if deacon Brian or other keyholders are away. It means arriving about 30 minutes before Mass starts.

If you are willing to help please speak to deacon Brian.



### Join us on Saturday 15th February

For our Parish Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper  
Tickets are £10 per person which includes the fish & chips.  
and are now available at the back of Church.

Please, only take a ticket once you have paid

Payments can be made by cash or via the Dona machine.

Once you have paid for your tickets please sign the sheet indicating your food

### "SANTA DOESN'T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT" RAFFLE

If you have a gift for our fundraising raffle please do drop it off at the back of Church or pop it in to the sacristy before the end of January.

Tickets will be on sale the first three weeks of February after all Masses and the

### THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

More information can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk).

Booklets to accompany the Year of Jubilee are available at the back of Church.

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 by telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns

## Parish Liturgies for week commencing

**19th January 2025**

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5.30pm Joan Godfrey RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00am Yvonne Parker RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am Private Intentions (RT)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am No Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00pm Private Intentions (RT)
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am Eucharistic Service
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am Eucharistic Service

### 25th/26th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5.30pm Holy Souls
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00am People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am Private Intentions (RT)
<b>Confessions</b>	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses
<b>Sacrament of the Sick</b>	On request tel. 0118 972 3418

### Dates for YOUR Diary

<b>Sunday, 19th January</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Service for Christian Unity</b>
Sunday, 2nd February	10.30am	Family Mass
Monday, 3rd February	7.00pm	Holy Hour and every Monday in February
Saturday 15th February	7.30pm	Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper
Sunday, 16th February	10.30am	Youth Mass

**Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners, family and friends;  
Lord, send your healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed.**

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier,  
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Mary Edwards, Mary Hagger,  
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmouth.

### For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

We pray for all who have died, and for those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Richard Konazeski, Joseph Smyth, Henry Clay, Lily Deegan, Imrie Osz,  
Bernard C. Oates, Philomena Smith, Leslie Archard, Winifred Dougan,  
Winifred Halter, Kathleen Smyth William Tillotson, Frederick Wareham.

**May the light and joy of God's peace shine upon them.**