

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

If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald
Tel: 07484332580 or email the parish office.

This weekend, we welcome **Fr Michael Doyle** who will celebrate all Masses

There will be a **Second Collection** next weekend on behalf of the
The Poor Parishes Fund

This Sunday there will be a **Family Mass at 10.30am**

THERE WILL BE **HOLY HOUR THIS MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 7PM—8PM**
AND EVERY MONDAY THROUGHOUT ADVENT

New Parish Secretary/Administrator required.

After ten years in the parish office, Krissie would like to step down in the New Year

We are looking for someone to take over her role and do the administrative
work in the office - a total of 10 hours per week. Full training will be given.

Please email the office at - stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

FATHER MICHAEL'S latest booklet **A POCKETFUL OF PRAYERS** has sold out at
St Michaels, but is available online from Alive Publishing at this link
<https://shop.alivepublishing.co.uk/product/278526/>

A leaflet for all readers which contains practical guidelines about reading
with the new lectionary is available now at the back

THE BIG CLEAN SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 9.30AM onwards

for the cleaning of the inside of the church before Christmas.

Please sign up at the back of Church and Please bring your own hoovers.

THE ADVENT TREE - Once again we ask you to support the elderly of the
parish and those in need at the Reading Drop-In Centre. Please take a gift tag
from the tree, buy and wrap the present named, attaching the tag and
return to the base of the tree by the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 22nd
December**, when they will be collected ready for distribution. Many thanks

The funeral of Henry Belletty and June Raynard (Phyllis's sister) will be
at St Michael's Church on Friday 20th December at 12 noon

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.stmichaelsonningcommon@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 concerns.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Mary Hardiman RIP
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Family Mass / Maddy Sharman
Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
	7.00 pm	Holy Hour
Tuesday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	9.30 am	No Liturgy
Thursday	9.30 am	Mass celebrated by Fr Kenneth Macnab
Friday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8TH DECEMBER, 2024

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

Please note the change of time of Mass on Thursday this week

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the
Sacristy before and after each of the weekend Masses.

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

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier,
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Mary Edwards, Mary Hagger,
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learnmouth,
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

First Holy Communion 2025

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion
in June 2025 and he/she **does NOT** attend St Martin's Primary school, please email
Mrs Deborah West at dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk as soon as possible

The New Missal

We have ordered 120 copies for the Parish and these are now available to
buy at the back of Church at £15 (which is nearly £4 cheaper than the RRP)

Please would **ALL Red Box holders return their boxes**, even if they are
empty, to St Michael's by this weekend. please contact Jacqui Watterton on
07970 692056 or by email jacquiwatterton@gmail.com she can collect.

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the
family of **Mary Hardiman** who died suddenly last week. The
funeral will be at St Michael's on Saturday, 21st Dec. at 9.30am.



Entrance antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Psalm response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

The Apostles Creed is on page 8.

After 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.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

To conclude the bidding prayers:

May He support us all the day long,
til the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in His mercy,
may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

The newsletter is also available at 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.



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1st December, 2024

