

**Entrance antiphon:**

Hail Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King  
who rules heaven and earth for ever

**Psalm response:**

O God, be gracious and bless us.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the  
last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

**To follow 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:**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

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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 January, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



**Mary, Holy Mother of God**

## WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly. Masses will continue to be live streamed via You Tube from St Michael's. Mass 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.

Thank you very much for your Christmas Offerings: **£2054.56**

## Happy New Year 2023



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2023 and he/she does NOT attend St Martin's Primary school, please email Mrs Deborah West at [dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible. **If you would like to be a prayer sponsor** for one of the communicants, then please do sign the sheet at the back of Church and Deacon Brian will be in touch with you, with your child's name.

**PRAYERS AND MASSES FOR THE DEAD:** If you would like a mass to be celebrated for a deceased family member or friend, please fill out one of the envelopes at the back of church. An offering for the priest can be included in the envelope, but is not necessary. The deceased will then be included in the newsletter in the list of masses for the week and be remembered at the desired mass. Please give the envelope to Father Michael after Mass or post it into the presbytery at 18, Peppard Road.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 19th January**, Service for Christian Unity, 6.30pm at St John the Baptist, Kidmore End.

**Friday, 3rd March 2022**, 6:30pm - World Day of Prayer at St John the Baptist Church, Kidmore End

**WELCOMERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE SATURDAY 5.30PM MASS**  
Contact Shirley Rixon tel. 01189723982 or [outcrush@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:outcrush@tiscali.co.uk)

**Items for the Newsletter:** Please send to [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk) marked Newsletter. Thank you

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God** 1st January 2023

Vigil Mass 5.30 pm Kevin Keating RIP

Sunday 9.00 am People of the Parish  
10.30 am Maddy Sharman

**Monday 10.00 am** Bridget Johnson

**Tuesday 2.00 pm** Funeral Mass for Barbara Small

Wednesday 9.30 am Ukraine

**Thursday 7.00 pm** The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

**Friday 9.00 am** Mass in St Martin's School—all welcome

**12.00 pm** The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

### **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

8th January 2023

Vigil Mass 5.30 pm Dudley Vincent

Sunday 9.00 am People of the Parish  
10.30 am Children of the Parish

**Please note the change of Mass times this week, shown in bold**

Monday's Mass will be followed by coffee and cake.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this **Saturday 30th December from 10.00am—10.30am** or at any time on request.

**The Sacrament of the Sick** - any time on request. Tel: Fr. Michael on 01189723418

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

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Peter Bussell, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies, Bob Ely, Cecilia Fung, Mary Haggard, Rogan Hodgson, Delia Hoban, Vivien Kear, Joh and Jennifer Learmonth, Louise Milledge, Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers, Fr, Paul Rowan, Peppin Sanz, Beth Selwood, Shirley Trollop, Helen Williams.

**May the Lord bring them healing and peace.**

**GOSPEL SHARE** will resume this Wednesday, 4th January, please contact [ftheobald132@gmail.com](mailto:ftheobald132@gmail.com) for the zoom access.

Please pray for the repose of the soul and the consolation of the family of and **Barbara Small** whose funeral is on Tuesday 3rd January, at 2.00pm here at St Michael's Church.

