

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm response:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. *Alleluia.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After the Bidding Prayers:

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left unaided.
Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins.
To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

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:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

*The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please return it to the console at the back of
Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*

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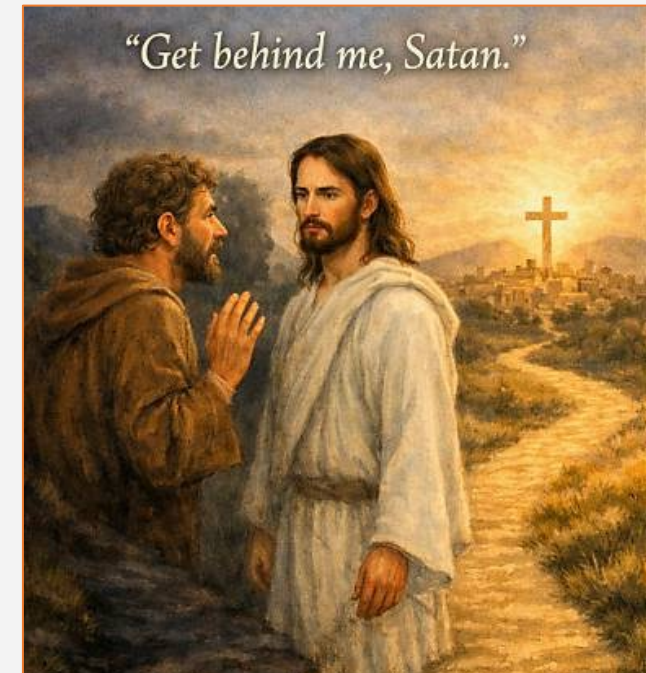
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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****29/30 August 2026**

Was Our Lord really calling Peter “Satan”? No. Christ was recognising that the temptation to give in to Peter’s loving desire to protect Him - to spare Him from suffering - came from a place of genuine affection. Yet any temptation to turn aside from the Father’s Will ultimately has its source in Satan.

We know of Our Lord’s struggles in Gethsemane: “*if it be possible, let this cup pass from me*” (Mt 26:39). As someone who was truly human as well as truly God, His agony and fear were immense and the temptation not to ‘go through with it’ must have been great, but His obedience and love for His Father were greater than any temptation. As always, Christ is our greatest example.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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

The Catholic Parish of St Michael's

St Michael's Hall Hire Tel:01189723418

St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk

If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald

Tel: 07484332580 or email dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk

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

PARISH CONSULTATION - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - AFTER 10.30 MASS

Over the past few weeks Canon Paul has been visiting all the parishes in our area and he will be holding a consultation here at St Michael's. Canon Paul describes the consultation as being about the 'mercy of parishes and the new parish structure.' It will take place in the church and will last no longer than 45 minutes. Please do make every effort to attend as this is of interest and importance to all parishioners. Thank you.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Arrangements are being made to rent the presbytery through a letting agent. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in renting the property please get in touch with the parish office or drop an email to Deacon Brian.

AUTUMN COURSES

Canon Paul's reflections on the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke were very much appreciated and enjoyed by many parishioners over the last year. By popular demand he will be taking us through St John's gospel, beginning 10am, Friday 25th September and continuing every fortnight. See the poster by the church door for more details.

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

Please pray for the pupils, families and staff of our parish school that God will bless and guide them over the coming year.

PATRONAL WEEKEND 25-27 SEPTEMBER

Please see the poster at the back of the church for details of the many events which have been organised in celebration of our Patronal Feast. The weekend is a wonderful opportunity to get together as a parish and forge new friendships and strengthen old ones. Do support the events!

Please send any items for the newsletter to fran.stm.news@gmail.com

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative 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 concerns

Parish Liturgies for week commencing 30th August 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv. Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

29/30 AUGUST

22ND SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Aldworth, R.I.P.
Monday	-	No liturgy
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass - Intention: Frances Theobald
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	-	No liturgy

5/6 SEPT.

23RD SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Catherine Szulc, R.I.P., Anniversary
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

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; Joe Buntun; Savanna Clark; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Cian Murphy; Carmelina Imperato; Terry Mc Goldrick.

If circumstances change please ask for the name to be removed from the list.

For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

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

Sandra Antao; Rachelle De Souza Patrick Carroll; Diana, Princess of Wales; Jean Dwyer; Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Gwyn Stanton; Yvonne Aubrier; Anthony Fajer; Florence Ada Gibbons; Roger Selwood; Mina Findlay; Helen Newman; Nikki Wells; Margaret Aldworth; Claude Buie; Sean Smyth; Michelle Dobson; Catherine Szulc; Deacon Francis Andrews; Marcus Luis Xavier Pereira

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