

23rd Sunday in O.T.

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Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. *Alleluia.*

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

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:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you,
my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5/6 Sept. 2026

The Theme of today's readings are 'listening to the voice of God' and 'loving our neighbour'. It also mentions 'correcting' our brothers.

This sounds a bit harsh as the neighbour might resent being told they are wrong! It looks as if Jesus is asking us to have discipline and order in our lives as well as in the church.

Jesus states that those who wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven must be like little children and not go astray. He offers us and the disciples a means for addressing such matters. First attempt to address the problem privately – if that fails then approach with others as witnesses and if all else fails then the entire community must be told. If the offender refuses then they are expelled from the community.

But remember that Jesus is with us throughout this process and He gives us the hope to continue.

Jesus promised that:

"If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

This is what we do each Sunday namely gather in Jesus' name and pray for our community, the world and ourselves. We know we will be answered by the words of Jesus. When and How are questions we cannot answer. We need Hope in His words.

We also have a responsibility to pass Jesus' message to others who have not heard His word so let's not be afraid to be ridiculed or even hated for our Faith. God is always with us *"yes unto the end of time"*.

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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

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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 THE 10.30 MASS

During May a leaflet was distributed outlining the Diocesan Plan 2030 in the light of reducing priest numbers. This included a vision for the parishes in South Oxfordshire, including St Michael's. At the consultation Canon Paul will bring us up to date and would like to hear our thoughts. This is a very important moment in the life of the parish so please make every effort to attend. It will take place in church and last no longer than 45 min. Thank you.

PRESBYTERY CLEARANCE

The intention is to let the presbytery as an unfurnished property and so items of furniture will soon be cleared. Parishioners are invited to take a look around the presbytery after the weekend Masses to see if there is anything of interest to them. A donation can be made to the parish fund. It is also an opportunity to look around for anyone considering renting the property.

SCRIPTURE COURSE

St John's gospel gives a unique perspective on who Jesus is. Over the coming months Canon Paul will help us to understand what St John is teaching us about Jesus. First session 10am, Friday 25th Sept. and continuing fortnightly.

PATRONAL WEEKEND 25-27 SEPTEMBER

The weekend coincides with a visit by our area bishop, Richard Walker. Please see the posters at the back of the church for details of the many events which have been organised for our Patronal Feast. It's a wonderful opportunity to get together as a parish and forge new friendships and strengthen old ones. [There's a Sign up sheet for the shared FREE lunch on Sunday 27th ALL welcome.](#) Tickets for the Chilli and Quiz Night will be available to buy from next weekend. Payment can be made by Dona or in cash, please. Please indicate on the Quiz sign-up sheet whether you would like a meat or vegetarian chilli for catering purposes.

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 6 Sept. 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv. Colin Blayney & Michael Doyle

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.
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour (Church is open from 6.30pm)
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

12/13 SEPT.

24TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Alan Skingsley, R.I.P. [recently deceased]
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 Bunton; 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:

Ella Crabb; Tracey Crayford; Michael Parsons; Victor Rahal; Margaret Lawless ; Rita Walker; Josefa Cano; Margaret Walter; Pay Walton; Thomas Nevin; Ron Van Bree; Alice Sakala; Peter Baylis; Freda Miller' Michael Rehberge; NY; Alf Wade; Christopher Wade; David White; Joyce Rebeiro; Victims of the Twin Towers.

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