

**Entrance antiphon**

A man was sent from God whose name was John.  
He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

**Psalm response**

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

**Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.  
Alleluia!

**The Apostles Creed** is on page 8.

**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:**

Through the tender mercy of our God,  
The dawn from on high will visit us.

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## Roman Catholic Parish of St Michael Sonning Common

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Birth of St John the Baptist

24th June 2018



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

**Thank you** for last week's Offertory: Standing Orders £365.00 Gift Aid £128.70 non-Gift Aid £314.05 **Total: £807.75** Day for Life: **355.29**

Second Collection **this week** for **Peter's Pence**.

**Travels in Palestine and Israel by Dr Mike Mineter.** 7.30pm in the Church, Thursday 28th June. Mike, (a friend of Deacon Brian) has visited the Holy Land three times. In this illustrated talk he describes some of his experiences in Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the villages of the West bank. He will end by proposing how we can contribute towards a just future for all in the Holy Land. Tim Livesey (a parishioner and CEO of Embrace the Middle East) will also make a contribution. All Welcome

**St Martin's Catholic Primary School Summer Fayre (Pendennis Avenue )** on Saturday 30th June 2018. Come join us between 3pm and 5pm to help raise much-needed funds for our wonderful school. There will be a BBQ, Bouncy Castle and all the fun of the fayre. More details available by emailing Theresa Lisi at [trixee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trixee@hotmail.co.uk)

**Board Games event for Families**, 2-5 pm Sunday 15th July in the Parish Hall. Suitable for children (age 6+) and teenagers. Not your old fashioned Monopoly and Cluedo, but some new and exciting games. Lots of fun! To book your place email [kevin.j.odonnell.1@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.j.odonnell.1@gmail.com)



Friday is the **Feast of Ss Peter & Paul** and is a Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 7.00 pm; Mass in St Martin's School on Friday at 9.00 am, then Mass at St Michael's at midday.

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

### Birth of St John the Baptist

Vigil	5.30 pm	Maurice de Silva
Sunday	9.00 am	Fr A Timlin
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Monday	9.30 am	Dec'd Hedgecox family
Tuesday	11.00 am	<b>Mass at St Anne's today</b>
Wednesday	9.30 am	Jo Royen

### Feast of Ss Peter & Paul

Thursday	7.00 pm	Herman Deens
Friday	9.00 am	<b>Mass at St Martin's School</b> People of the Parish
	12.00 pm	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund

### 13th Sunday of the Year

Vigil	5.30 pm	M & S Alvarez/ T & Y Mejias
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Dec'd Cotter & O'Shea families

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am and 4.45 - 5.15pm Or at any time on request.

### Twelve children will receive their First Holy Communion today.

**Marriage & Relationship Counselling** at Reading Marriage Care. Talking with fully-trained counsellors can help. Call 0800 389 3801.

If you are a trained relationship counsellor, you could volunteer with Marriage Care. Please contact Sue Cooper at [reading.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or call 0793 9495774

### Please remember the sick in your prayers

Stephen Aldworth, John Allen, Maria (Kenney) Ashcroft, Vera Bird, June Black, Clifford Browne, Lucy Collaco, Gabby Collinson, Rita Conlon, Mike Coulehan, Julian Neil Dunstan (grandson of Marion Fallon), Kitty Jakubszyn, James Marsh, Maria McNamara, Eugenie Micotti, Siobhan Moran, Bernard Oates, Claudia Rodrigues, Maddy Sharman, Barbara Small, and those known only to you.