

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)** Roman Missal Pages 119 & 122

**Entrance antiphon:** Drop down dew above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

**Psalm response: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.**

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

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

**To follow the Bidding Prayers:**

Hail Mary Full of grace.....

**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:** Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel

The newsletter is also available at  
[www.saintmichael.sonningcommon.org.uk](http://www.saintmichael.sonningcommon.org.uk)

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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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24th December, 2023  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



## 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](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.



Fr Michael and Deacon Brian  
wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas.

### “CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS”

Traditionally these are for your Parish Priest and are his main source of income.  
These offerings are not covered by your standing orders which go for the general  
maintenance of the Church. Nor can they be gift aided.

Please remember to bring cash or cheques.  
Or you can also pay via the card machine.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED GIFTS TO THE ADVENT TREE**  
They will be distributed to the sick and elderly of the parish and to CIRDIC  
the drop-in centre in Reading.



CIRDIC are now collecting: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Soaps,  
Shampoos, Razors, Medium underwear for men and size 12 for ladies and socks for all.  
Please put in a bag and leave in or by the box at the back of Church (in the alcove)

**THERE WILL BE NO GOSPEL SHARE THIS WEDNESDAY.**

**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.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk)  
or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on  
0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24th December, 2023

### Saturday

Vigil Mass 5.30 pm People of the Parish

**Sunday** 9.00 am Children of the Parish  
10.30 am Josie

### CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Children's Mass 5.00 pm Children of the Parish  
Night Mass 8.00 pm Stephen Aldworth and Cotter Family Deceased

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Monday 10.30 am Peace on Earth

### Feast of St Stephen

**Tuesday 10.00am** Michael and Bridget McDonnell RIP /  
Cotter & Aldworth Family Deceased

Wednesday 9.30 am Feast of St John The Apostle  
Thursday 12.00 pm Rosaleen's Intentions / Feast of the Holy Innocents  
Friday 9.30 am Feast of St Thomas Becket

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

31st December, 2023

### Saturday

Vigil Mass 5.30 pm Philomena Rodrigues

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

**Please note the change of Mass time on Monday and Tuesday of this week**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this  
Saturday, 23rd December, from 10.00am - 10.30am or at any time on request.

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

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Phyllis Belletty, Robert Brooks,  
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies, Bob Ely, Alison Flynn,  
Cecilia Fung, Mary Hagger, Jim Hardiman, Rogan Hodgson,  
Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmonth, Mary Lewis, Louise Milledge,  
Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers,  
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz, Beth Selwood,  
Geoffrey Stitt, Shirley Trollop.

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

### THE YEAR OF PRAYER



This liturgical year, has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope  
Francis. Please see the resources on St Michael's website for info.