

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

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.

GIFT AID.

As you will be aware, we receive a rebate on offertory donations which are classified as Gift Aided, this includes Standing Orders from many parishioners and donations made on the 'Dona' machine where you 'tick' the gift aid box (note that you only need to identify yourself once (for each card used).

For the Financial Year ending April 2024, we received a rebate of £7039.42 - marginally lower than 2023 when we received £7279.

However, in 2024, we were able to take advantage of the 'Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme'.

This allows us to claim for some of the monies collected in the offertory plate and the Dona machine non-gift aid donations.

We received a sum of £1523.63. making a total rebate of £8563.05.
Which shows the importance of gift-aid to our income.

We are grateful for your continued financial support for the work of the parish.
If you have any questions about gift aid or want to change the amount of your donation, please contact Nick Sealey
(pt.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk or 07792 178 669)
and he will assist you.

RE-UNION OF FIRST & SECOND GENERATION IRISH, ITALIAN & POLISH PEOPLE

Where: St Annes School Hall, Washington Road, Caversham RG4 5AA

When: **Sat. 14th September, 6pm-11pm**

Bring your own food, drinks & musical instruments to make for a jolly time.

Max of 200 people. £5 entry at the door for Church & School funds.

All are welcome. **Contact Gabriele Scicluna: 07778-340-444.**

RECYCLING AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The terra-cycling in reading **no longer accepts writing implements** so we will no longer be collecting these in our recycling bins at the side of Church.

Please look out for news of future recycling initiatives- coming soon.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

These are listed on the back of the Thought for the Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25TH AUGUST, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Souls
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Blessed Dominic Barberi
Tuesday	12.00 pm	St Monica
Wednesday	9.30 am	St Augustine
Thursday	12.00 pm	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday	9.30 am	Holy Souls

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST SEPTEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00 am	Children of the Parish
	10.30 am	Maddy Sharman

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the Sacristy this Saturday 24th August, from 10.00am - 10.30am and from 4.45pm - 5.30pm or at any time on request

The Sacrament of the Sick - any time on request, telephone 0118 972 3418

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Phyllis Belletty, Vera Bird,
Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier, Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies,
Mary Edwards, Bob Ely, Alison Flynn, Mary Hagger,
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learmouth, Louise Milledge,
Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers,
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz, Shirley Trollop.

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

THE CHURCH GARDENING CLUB

Will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday, 27th Aug - Weather permitting.

If you would like to come and help for 30 minutes or the full 3 hours you are most welcome to join in.

Tools and refreshments provided

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 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.

Entrance antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

The Apostles Creed is on page 8.

To follow 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 and grant my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart..

The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichael.sonningcommon.org.uk
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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25th August, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Peter said to Jesus, “You have the message of eternal life, and we believe;”