#### 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.

# THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, 6PM

Here at St Michael's Church - Do Come Join us

### SAFARI SUPPER:

The local Christian churches are hoping to hold this event on 6<sup>th</sup> July. For it to happen we need a parish representative who will liaise with the other churches to coordinate the event (not do the cooking).

Talk to Deacon Brian for more information.

**FOOD BANK:** Our local food bank is in need of more deliverers. If you can spare a couple of hours at your convenience, speak to deacon Brian.

If you would like to be a **PRAYER SPONSOR** for one of the First Holy Communicants, then please do sign the sheet at the back of Church and Deacon Brian will be in touch with you, with your child's name.

### LAST CALL FOR RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S RAFFLE

**TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY** - Can you help? Please bring any prize donations, bottles, food items or gifts to the Church office or give them to Fr Michael or Deacon Brian after any of the Masses

## THE SYCAMORE COURSE

This liturgical year, has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. So why not join in the Sycamore Course, module on prayer, Continuing this Tuesday at 2.30pm lead by Deacon Brian and held at St Martin's Catholic Primary School, Pendennis Avenue, Caversham Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no need to commit to every session

## YEAR OF PRAYER 2024:

A young diocesan priest, Fr Toby Duckworth, is producing a series of short videos called 'Pause for Prayer." The first was released in December introducing the Year of Prayer and the Jubilee. It can be found on the diocesan website: <a href="https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024">https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024</a> together with other resources.

**Dates for your diary** Please see the back of the Thought for the week for more details of the events happening in the parish

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 28TH JANUARY, 2024		
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Antoinette Rosario (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Souls
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30 am	Ukraine
Tuesday	12.00 pm	Adrian Bird
Wednesday	9.00 am	Mass at St Martin's School - All welcome
Thursday	12.00 pm	Peace in the Middle East
Friday	2.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Myron Johnson

#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Vigil Mass 5.30 pm Holy Souls
Sunday 9.00 am People of the Parish
10.30 am Maddy Sharman/ Family Mass

Please note the change of Mass times on Wednesday and Friday this week

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this Saturday, 27th January, from 10.00am - 10.30am or at any time on request.

**The Sacrament of the Sick -** is available any time on request., please Telephone: Fr. Michael on 0118 972 3418

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

GOSPEL SHARE every Wednesday. Please contact Deacon Brian dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk for the zoom access code

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: <a href="mailto:sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk">sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk</a> or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted by Telephoning: 0121 230 6240 or emailing <a href="mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk">safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</a> if you have any concern.

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Roman Missal Pages 206

Entrance antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Psalm response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts..

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of

the kingdom to mere children. 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:**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

> 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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



Jesus speaks with authority.