

Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things
and desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already here
and with all my being unite myself with you;
never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen



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Sonning Common

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29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent



Stay Awake!

Because you do not know when the Master is coming.

For this week's Masses please use the links below:

Sunday 29th November (1st of Advent) - 10.30am https://youtu.be/Uaj_Mv1gO7Q

Monday 30th November - 9.30am (St Andrew) <https://youtu.be/wFolJnpgZB4>

Tuesday 1st December - 12.00pm (St Edmund Campion) <https://youtu.be/Jxvc7Q7irlQ>

Wednesday 2nd December - 9.30am https://youtu.be/_5ezeXw3E8c

Thursday 3rd December - 12.00pm (St Francis Xavier) https://youtu.be/zFEk5nfga_I

Friday 4th December - 9.30am <https://youtu.be/Y1mYENm5HJc>

Sunday Vigil 5th December (2nd of Advent) - 5.30pm <https://youtu.be/B5yMaQgl3x4>

Sunday 6th December (2nd of Advent) - 9.00am <https://youtu.be/gNliDIFkQoo>

Sunday 6th December (2nd of Advent) - 10.30am <https://youtu.be/9Elf12KYqqg>

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During this lockdown, some of you may like to buy Christmas cards.
We are including links to the Christmas card pages of various charities
that St Michael's has supported in the past.

<https://shop.embraceme.org/collections/christmas-cards> (Embrace the middle East)

<https://acnuk.org/search/?q=christmas+cards> (Aid to the Church in Need)

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> (Cafod)

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/what-we-do/fhl-at-christmas>
(Friends of the Holy Land)

Masses at St Michael's Church, Sonning Common

From and including Wednesday 2nd December we are able to open again for our usual Masses. Numbers will still be limited to 40.

However, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended.

Masses will continue to be live streamed via You Tube from St Michael's. Please use the links on the back page or visit the parish website to find links to the streamings on You Tube for the whole week

www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk

Or type in the You Tube search bar —**st michael's sonning common**

Walk With Me Booklets and Advent Calendars for children not at St Martin's school are now available to pick up from Church on Sunday afternoon 2pm-5pm

Christmas Parcels: We are hoping that this year the Christmas Tree will be in place with the parcel labels on the weekend beginning Saturday 5th December. A poster with more information is attached with this newsletter.

Mass Stewards. When the current lockdown finishes on 3rd December we anticipate resuming Masses with a congregation. This will only be possible if stewards are present to supervise and clean afterwards. Could existing stewards please reply to deacon Brian's email if you have not done so already. If you have not stewarded before, but feel able to help please contact deacon Brian. We are likely to need extra help over the Christmas season.

Our local food bank running out of Springwater Church, Blount's Court Road, is still in operation and continues to need donations of food and other essential items? These can be left by Springwater church entrance—there is a box in the porch. Financial contributions can also be made by transfer into their account: SORT CODE: 40-24-10 BANK ACCOUNT: 41420607

If you would like to continue to make your offertory donations to St Michael's during the lockdown, you can do so via the diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

There is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan website – follow the instructions and scroll down to “Sonning Common” on the “donating to” section donations (which can also be gift aided) can then be made to St Michael's via credit or debit card.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

1st Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020

Sunday	10.30am	People of the parish/Holy Souls
Monday	9.30 am	Priests and Friends etc. of the Morgan Family
Tuesday	12.00pm	Special Intention (St. D)
Wednesday	9.30 am	Special Intention (C)
Thursday	12.00pm	Deceased members of the Stitt and George families /HS
Friday	9.30am	Holy Souls

2nd Sunday of Advent

5th December 2020

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Vocations to the Priesthood
	10.30am	Holy Souls

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) At any time on request.

Sacrament of Sick At any time on request. **Tel: Fr. Michael on 0118 972 3418**

Please remember the sick in your prayers

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Peter Bussell, Ted Cotter, Michael Coulehan, Jean Davies, Cecilia Fung, Christopher Hicks, Rogan Hodgson, Timothy Kehoe, Veronica Parker, June Payne, Elizabeth Rogers, Peppin Sanz, Maddy Sharman, Helen Williams.

If you are an elderly or vulnerable parishioner or are concerned about someone please contact Krissie at **stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk** or telephone **07805 162 786**

Christmas Day Hamper Delivery: Normally there is a Christmas Day lunch in Sonning Common Village Hall for those living alone. This is not possible this year so the organisers are arranging Christmas hampers to be delivered on Christmas Day to those who would normally attend. This ensures that people will see someone and get a gift on Christmas Day. If you live in or close to Sonning Common and are willing to make a visit on Christmas Day (if required) please let deacon Brian know.