

## 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 Deacon Brian Theobald  
Tel: 07484332580 or email the parish office.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Glover** who will celebrate all the Masses.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Offerings donated over Christmas will be for Fr Michael Sharkey.  
Envelopes are now at the back of Church or you can use the Dona card reader.

### A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

for Fr Michael Sharkey's pastoral care of our parish,  
will be celebrated **on 12th January** at 10.30am  
Please save the date.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

with a service on January 19th at 6pm here at St Michael's  
We hope you will join us.

We are also looking for helpers on the evening to set up  
and serve refreshments.

Please contact Deacon Brian if you can help

FATHER MICHAEL'S booklet **A POCKETFUL OF PRAYERS**—is now available again  
The price is slightly increased at £3.50 as we had to incur delivery charges.

### ALTAR SERVERS,

Please don't forget to collect your Christmas present from the Sacristy

### New Parish Secretary/Administrator required.

After ten years in the parish office, Krissie would like to step down in the New Year  
to spend more time with her elderly parents.

We are looking for someone to take over her role and do the administrative  
work in the office - a total of 10 hours per week at £15.30 per hour.

Full training will be given.

Please email the office at - [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

### THE HOLY FAMILY

29th DECEMBER, 2024

Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Children of the Parish

Monday	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday		No Liturgy

### New Year's Day

Wednesday	12.00 pm	<b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</b>
Thursday	9.30 am	Mass SS Basil and Gregory
Friday		No Liturgy

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

5th January, 2025

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

**Please note the change of Mass and Eucharistic Service Times this week**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the  
Sacristy before and after each of the weekend Masses.

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

### Please remember the sick in your prayers

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Robert Brooks, Liz Bouchier,  
Joe Bunton, Savanna Clark, Mary Edwards, Mary Hagger,  
Rogan Hodgson, Vivien Kear, Jennifer Learnmouth,  
Fr. Paul Rowan, Dominic Sakrouge, Peppin Sanz.

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

### First Holy Communion 2025

If you would like your child (Year 3 and above) to receive their First Holy Communion  
in June 2025 and he/she **does NOT** attend St Martin's Primary school, please email  
Mrs Deborah West at [dwest@smartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:dwest@smartins.reading.sch.uk) as soon as possible

**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.stmichaelsonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmichaelsonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan  
Safeguarding team can be contacted by telephoning: 0121 230 6240  
or emailing [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns

**Entrance antiphon:**

The Shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger

**Psalm response: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord,  
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

**The Apostles Creed** is on page 456.

**After the Bidding Prayers:**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;  
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!  
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;  
and after this our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:  
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**To conclude the bidding prayers:**

May He support us all the day long,  
til the shades lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then, in His mercy,  
may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,  
and peace at the last. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has lived on the earth,  
and lived among us.

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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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29th December, 2024  
The Feast of the Holy Family

