

**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:**

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**To follow the Bidding Prayers:**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and  
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**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.

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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 January, 2023



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theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

## WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly. Masses will continue to be live streamed via You Tube from St Michael's. Mass 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.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Minutes from the recent PPC meeting will soon be posted on the church noticeboard and the parish website - please click the PPC tab to access them. Your feedback on any of the issues discussed is encouraged, particularly ways the PPC can serve the parish better. So if you have any thoughts please drop a note in the silver PPC box by the noticeboard or talk to a PPC member—a poster with the names and pictures of the PPC members is pinned to the noticeboard at the back of Church.

If you wish to know more about volunteering as a **Welcomer** at Church please talk to Deacon Brian or Fr Michael.

Any ideas for Lent and Easter are also needed now.

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE.** We have been informed by CIRDIC that the presents received from St Michael's were an important part of their Christmas Day celebrations. For some these were the only wrapped presents they received at Christmas. CIRDIC thank you for your generosity.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

18 children are beginning their preparation this week and we are still lacking a few prayer sponsors who commit to praying for a child during this period. Please sign up today if you can so that all children have a prayer sponsor. Mrs West who runs the programme needs help on an occasional Thursday evening (5-6pm). Please talk to her, Fr. Michael or Deacon Brian if you can assist. A DBS check will be required and can be organised by the parish.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**HOLY HOUR** MONDAY 6TH, FEBRUARY AT 7PM.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2023

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Friday, 3rd March 2022, 6:30pm**

St John the Baptist Church, Kidmore End

**WELCOMERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE SATURDAY 5.30PM MASS**

If you are able to help occasionally, please contact Deacon Brian or Shirley Rixon - tel. 01189723982 or email [outcrush@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:outcrush@tiscali.co.uk)

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

29th January 2023

|            |          |                      |
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| Vigil Mass | 5.30 pm  | Maria Zerafa RIP     |
| Sunday     | 9.00 am  | Private Intention    |
|            | 10.30 am | People of the Parish |

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| Monday  | 9.30 am  | Irene George  |
| Tuesday | 12.00 pm | St John Bosco |

**Wednesday 9.00 am Mass at St Martin's school—All Welcome**

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| Thursday | 12.00 pm | The Presentation of the Lord |
| Friday   | 9.30 am  | Antonio Zerafa RIP           |

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

5th February 2023

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| Vigil Mass | 5.30 pm  | Gerard Lawrence RIP      |
| Sunday     | 9.00 am  | Denis & Nora Fogarty RIP |
|            | 10.30 am | People of the Parish     |

**Please note the change of time and venue for Wednesday's Mass**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will be available in the Sacristy this **Saturday 28th January from 10.00am—10.30am** or at any time on request.

**The Sacrament of the Sick** - any time on request. Tel: Fr. Michael on 0118 9723418

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dominic Antão, Catherine Belletty, Peter Bussell, Savanna Clark, Jean Davies, Bob Ely, Cecilia Fung, Mary Haggart, Rogan Hodgson, Delia Hoban, Vivien Kear, John and Jennifer Learmonth, Louise Milledge, Reuben Muston, Veronica Parker, John Raynard, Elizabeth Rogers, Fr, Paul Rowan, Peppin Sanz, Beth Selwood, Geoffrey Stitt, Shirley Trollop, Helen Williams. **May the Lord bring them healing and peace.**

### LET'S SEND LUKE TO LISBON

We are holding a raffle on 5th and 12th of February to help Luke raise the funds for his trip to Lisbon for the World Youth Meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses.

**GOSPEL SHARE** this Wednesday, 7pm, please contact [ftheobald132@gmail.com](mailto:ftheobald132@gmail.com) for the zoom access.

### TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER THE 10.30 AM MASS

Volunteers needed to help serve teas and coffee and wash up afterwards. Krissie has agreed to set up the table each week so everything would be ready on the day —please email the office if you can help - [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk)