

Entrance Antiphon:

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Psalm response:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. *Alleluia!*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After 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:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

*The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please return it to the console at the back of
Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*



Catholic Parish of St Michael's Sonning Common

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

29 June 2025

MEDITATION FOR THE WEEK FROM FR COLIN BLAYNEY

There is a word which used to be inseparable from the word the 'Mass'. The word 'sacrifice'. 'The Sacrifice of the Mass'.

Our Catholic faith affirms that the Eucharist, since it makes Jesus present, makes present his sacrifice – his eternal self-giving to the Father which defined his life here on earth and reached its climax on the Cross.

And so our Catholic faith says to us that whenever we come to the Eucharist we're drawn into that great eternal act of self-giving of Jesus, the Word made flesh. The Eucharist is no mere memorial but an act of cosmic significance, an encounter with the depths of the mystery of God.

And so, with the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ just one week behind us one of its many challenges to us is to restore that sense of sacrifice, of self-giving, selfless-giving, into our own discipleship. Because the consumerist world in which we live doesn't exactly foster that spirit: success, and comfort and acquisition are more the flavour of the month.

There are beautiful words which are found in the Ordination liturgy: 'Imitate what you celebrate'. And what we celebrate is 'This is my body. *given up* for you, the cup of my blood *poured out* for you.' We hear those words of sacrifice, of selflessness, every week when we come before the altar.

Each week we gather in, and we are gathered by, the presence of awesome mystery. And in a self-preoccupied, acquisitive, 'what's best for me' world, our 'Amen' as we stretch out our hands to receive Christ's Body, is our 'Amen' to the great challenge that this eternal sacrifice offers: 'Imitate what you celebrate'.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk

If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald

Tel: 07484332580 or email dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk

All Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PETER'S PENCE.

We welcome into the church **Ethan Dubery** who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10.30am Mass today



PARISH SYNODAL ASSEMBLY - NEXT SUNDAY, 6 JULY, STRAIGHT AFTER THE 10.30 MASS

For all the details please see the insert in the newsletter. To help with planning and catering, please add your name to one of the sheets at the back of the church today.

FR COLIN'S SCRIPTURE COURSE - ALL WELCOME

The final two sessions, both in July: **Tuesday 15th at 7pm & Wednesday 16th at 10am** and **Wednesday 23rd at 10am and 7pm**. These sessions will look at the four Gospels.

ST MICHAELS - PROPERTY ISSUES - BRIEFING FOR THE PARISH.

When Father Colin returns to Australia we will once more have a presbytery without an occupant. The Parish Pastoral Committee and the Finance Committee have considered future options. A one-page summary of their thoughts, including Questions & Answers, is available at the back of the church. Next weekend (5/6 July), after each Mass, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to discuss this with members of the Parish Pastoral Committee and the Finance Committee.

HELP WITH CLEANING THE CHURCH PLEASE - THANK YOU!

Volunteers please to join the rota for Church Cleaning! You would only need to help out for 1 -2 hours once every 6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

SIGN WRITER

We would like to refresh and update the noticeboard on the wall outside the church. Do you have the skills? Please contact the parish office if you can help. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAY 13TH JULY AT 12 NOON.

We pray for those who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Walker on Sunday 13th July.

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

Parish Liturgies for week commencing 29 June 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Mass: Baptism of Ethan Dubery <i>Intention:</i> <i>Stephen Aldworth/Cotter Family, deceased</i>
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass

5 / 6 JULY

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, RIP
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

**Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners, family and friends;
Lord, send your healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed.**

Dominic Antão; Catherine Belletty; Robert Brooks; Joe Bunton; Savanna Clark;
Mary Edwards; Mary Hagger; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learmouth;
Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz.

If circumstances change please ask for the name to be removed from the list.

For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Norman Lousley; Audrey Monument; Bob Ryan; Pam Ryan; Bella Sellwood;
Doris Campbell; John Russell; Marie van Bree-Anschutz; Grace Coll;
Patrick Cottrell; Bernard Fornara; Richard Frankton; Bob Gaffney; Lou Levy;
Mark San; Jean Coleman; Susanna Free; Francis Joanes; Margaret Mather; W. Smyth.

May the light and joy of God's peace shine upon them.