

Entrance antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Psalm response:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. *Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456.

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:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.

*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.*

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Information about the Year of Jubilee can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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Sonning Common**

*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
Fifth Sunday of Lent - 6 April 2025**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our readings this week paint a reassuring picture of the extent to which God will go to save and provide for His chosen people.

The first reading provides an easily visualised description of God's work to save us: "making a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters". The relentless nature of life can oftentimes feel like one is wading against the tide, a constant cycle of regret and wishful thinking of what might have been - if only... We are told to perceive all things new- as He does.

We join our prayer with that of the Prophet Isaiah- asking God to not consider the things of old, perhaps because old may not always be gold. This theme is continued in the Gospel reading, where a woman is brought before Jesus, to be punished, having been found committing adultery, whole crowds were clearly baying for her blood, perhaps looking forward to the thrill of meting out punishment to another. Can we place ourselves in the scene?

Which one are we? The adulteress saved from death by stoning? The crowd, only too quick to point out others' mistakes, until someone shows you as probably being no different? Or will we be like Jesus - to look at every situation with mercy and compassion. Perhaps we continue to evolve through all sides of this scenario, in situations we face in our daily life?

We continue to contemplate the promise of Easter on our Lenten journey of prayer, reflection and almsgiving confident of someone who will plead our cause against those who may be faithless and pray to be rescued from deceitful and cunning crowds.

A parishioner.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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

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

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

YEAR OF JUBILEE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - A LENTEN REFLECTION

There is **NO SESSION** this Wednesday.

The final Reflection will be on Wednesday evening, 16th April

EASTER LITURGIES

Twelve women, men and/or children are needed for the Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday. Please sign the sheet.

PASSION PLAY IN READING

Rise Theatre are performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens on Good Friday 18th April (3.30pm) and Saturday 19th (3.00pm). It is a FREE event. Take a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! *The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised.* www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay.

EASTER EGGS APPEAL FOR DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES

If you can donate an Easter Egg please leave it at the church ASAP. Thank you.

CAR FOR FR COLIN BLAYNEY 1ST MAY - 1ST SEPTEMBER

Does anyone have a spare car Fr Colin could use for local trips while he is with us? Extra insurance costs will be reimbursed. Contact deacon Brian.

WELCOME RECEPTION - SUNDAY 4TH MAY - 11.30AM

Because you, the parishioners of St Michael's, are lovely, warm and friendly, we want to make sure that Fr Colin is aware of that - and so we are planning to hold a Reception for him in the Church Hall on his first Sunday here. Sadly, Krissie will be away that day, so we are looking for extra help to bake a few cakes, biscuits, cheese straws or whatever you fancy. We will also need some help in setting up the Hall in advance. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church indicating how you can help, you lovely warm parishioners! Thank you.

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 6 April 2025

This weekend we welcome Fr Andrew Foster and Fr Michael Doyle

5/6 April Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Mgr Freddie Miles, R.I.P 5th Anniversary
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Monday	-	No Liturgy NO HOLY HOUR THIS WEEK
Tuesday	12.00pm	Mass
Wednesday	-	No Liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	-	No Liturgy

12/13 April

Palm Sunday

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

20 MIN BEFORE THE START OF EACH WEEKEND MASS

The funeral Mass for Phyllis Belletty will be at 12 noon, Monday 14th April followed by a committal at Reading Crematorium. R.I.P.

**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; Fr. Paul Rowan; 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

We pray for all who have died, and for those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

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

Paddy Hickey; Josephine Legge; Lilian Muston; Harry Selway (Husband of Joan);
Ina Dias; Lilian Everett; Maggie Monter; Kathleen Regan; Harry Fry; Katinka Werfhorst;
Ellen Gerrard; Lyn Lewis; Joyce Ashby; Mary Lousley; Elizabeth Toms.