

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those  
who seek you.

**Psalm response:**

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!* Stay awake and be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an  
hour you do not expect. *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...

**To conclude the Bidding Prayers:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

*(based on the ancient prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, which has been used as Church Councils and  
Synods gathered together. It has become a prayer associated with the Synodal pathway  
inaugurated by Pope Francis).*

**Communion Antiphon:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

*The newsletter is also available at [www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk](http://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

Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,  
Checkendon, Stoke Row, Emmer Green  
and Caversham Park

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 August 2025

One theme in today's Gospel is **readiness**:

"Be ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

What we need to remember is that that unexpected hour might be the present moment:

that Jesus enters our lives unexpectedly in unexpected people,  
in unexpected ways, at unexpected moments:

that it may be the person or event that we experience as  
an *interruption* which is actually God's *eruption* into our life  
that day:

that it may be the experience that we see as *disaster*  
which is the greatest opportunity for the experience of *grace*.

**Readiness.** It means being ready for *how God chooses to come*,  
not for how **we** choose God to come.

Fr Colin

**St John Henry Newman - Doctor of the Church**

Pope Leo has announced that he will shortly list St John Henry Newman amongst the  
'Doctors of the Church' - a rare honour, given that in the two thousand year history of the  
Church there are only 38 Doctors!

'Doctor' of course in Latin means 'Teacher'. These are the men and women that the  
Church discerns to have so enriched the Church's teaching and belief that they can be  
considered 'teachers of the Church'.

In this Jubilee year perhaps an exercise we could embark upon personally would be to get  
to know more of this man of England, Saint and Doctor, and what he can offer to our own  
journey of faith. There could be no better place to start - if you haven't read it - than his  
*Apologia Pro Vita Sua* ('In defence of one's life'), his spiritual autobiography and account  
of his journey to embracing the faith of the Catholic Church.

Fr Colin

## WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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

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



### WE PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE...

...for **Barry Gibbons** and **Patricia Skidmore**,  
whose Funeral Masses were celebrated here  
at St Michael's during the last week.

*May they rest in peace and may the Lord console those  
who loved them.*



### FAREWELL TO FR COLIN

We are very grateful for the time Fr Colin has spent amongst us, but next weekend is his last with us. To say 'goodbye' there will be coffee & cakes after the 10.30am Mass in the church for those able to make it.

### CARE HOME VISITS

Two or three parishioners enjoy monthly visits to 4 or 5 local care homes and encourage the residents to sing. They make some good noises together!  
If you are interested in joining in, please contact Judy Fox.

### CARE FOR OUR CHURCH GROUNDS

We're blessed to have our volunteer gardening team who keep our grounds and gardens looking so beautiful through their work on Tuesday mornings. Most of our team are of a more senior age and they would love some help from our young families. To that end we'd like to form a second team who could be on a roster to do some work on a Saturday. Could your family give an hour or two once every four, five or six weeks? If you could help, there's a sheet at the back of the church where you can put your name down.

### SPAM ANYONE?

"If you did not receive the newsletter last week - it may be because your server is thinking it is spam - a number of emails were bounced back last week to the office email address. So please do put [stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk) as one of your contacts if you don't want this to happen in future. Many thanks Krissie "

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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns

## Parish Liturgies for week commencing 10th August 2025

Celebrant: Fr Colin Blayney

### 9 / 10 August

### 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	12pm	Mass
Wednesday	12pm	Mass
Thursday	7pm	Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the BVM
Friday [Holyday]	9.30am	Mass - The Assumption of the BVM

### 16 / 17 AUGUST

### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
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, Richard Szulc.

*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:

Ada Newman; Tommy Keogh; Ralph Mascarenhas; Rebecca Saxby Evans;  
John Joseph Walsh; Michelle Wells Jacobson; Anthony Christopher Boulton; Sean Kennedy;  
Jack Faherty; Louis and Dora Paola; Lilly Dougan; Kathleen McGuire; Jeddy; Annie May;  
Dennis Page

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