

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm response:

Lord, make haste to help me!

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep know my voice, says he Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. *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:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

*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

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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 August 2025

As you know, this weekend sadly is my last one here with you at St Michael's at Sonning Common. While I am of course also looking forward to being back with my parish community at Lindfield-Killara in Sydney, I have developed such a great affection for your wonderful parish and will miss you all very much. It has been an extraordinarily rich three months and I have learned so much in ministering amongst you. Thank you too for being so welcoming and encouraging to me.

I would especially thank Deacon Brian for all his support. I know how much he is appreciated by you all and I certainly share in that sentiment. It has been such a pleasure working in the parish with Brian. I am also very grateful to Krissie Stitt as your Parish Administrator for her constant help and support - she shows exemplary dedication and is likewise a great blessing for your community.

I know that you now won't have a resident priest but I am so impressed by the resilience, commitment and fellowship in your parish community. Do please keep building up your wonderful community and ministering in Christ's name. The Synodal Assembly strongly identified reaching out to youth as a priority and the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed that this must be a focus of the parish's mission. But they can't do it alone - please work together in this vital area. Following Pope Francis' and Pope Leo's call the Synodal Assembly is to be an on-going part of parish life. The next gathering will be after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 19th October. I hope you can put that in your diary now.

And finally, please do drop into my parish in Sydney if you're visiting. If you're planning on coming to Mass check our website as we have two churches and the roster in the parish bulletin will tell you where I'll be!

Thank you so much once again. My time with you has been an extraordinary blessing.

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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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

FAREWELL TO FR COLIN

We are very grateful for the time Fr Colin has spent amongst us, but this 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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Following on from Fr Colin's sessions on the Scriptures a number have expressed their desire for on-going Scripture reflection. Starting in the week beginning 15th September there will be a daytime group meeting at the church on Thursday mornings (probably fortnightly) and an evening group meeting via Zoom on Wednesday evenings (again probably fortnightly). If you're interested please let either Deacon Brian or Krissie know.

THE MINISTRY OF ADULT SERVER

This ministry of the Church is being introduced here at St Michael's. The first group will be commissioned at the 10:30am Mass this Sunday with more to join shortly. This ministry provides support to Deacon Brian and also provides leadership at the ministry of the altar when he is not able to be present.

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.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our deep sympathy and prayers to Guida, who's mother, Isabel Carvalho, died in Portugal last week at the age of 90. May she rest in peace.

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 17th August 2025

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Colin Blayney

16 /17 August

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Thanksgiving for Many Blessings
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12pm	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	-	No liturgy
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

23 / 24 AUGUST

CELEBRANT: CANON PAUL FITZPATRICK

21ST SUNDAY IN O.T

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
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:

Arthur Burge; Dennis Page ; Doris Rene; Eva Abraham; Keith Milton Davey;
Ronald Jabez Herbert; Rita Conlon; Huberta Kingsbury; Maria Szymanska; George Crabb;
Sr M. Audrey (Barbara Rebeiro); Isabel Carvalho.

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