

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm response:

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through 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:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread
from the earth and wine to cheer the hearts.

*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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 August 2025

We are in troubled times in the world and we naturally are worried about the outcome of the conflicts we see. The news is sad and frightening and we need to pray even more fervently for God to aid us in our distress.

The reading from Isaiah speaks of God gathering nations of every language and country into the universality of God's love and message. This would be wonderful if it can be achieved so this is what we need to ask God to do. Only He can achieve the impossible.

"The time is coming to gather all nations and tongues...to see my glory"

The psalm calls for all nations to praise and glorify the Lord. This is our task within our small scope to spread the word of the gospel and it is not easy. But with God all is possible. We must not despair or feel that our prayers are ignored.

In the *Alleluia* we proclaim that *"Christ is the way, the truth and the light"* so take heart.

We are Christ's disciples and have a message to send about faithfulness to God's message. We must be people of hope and not despair for ourselves and those around us, even if they appear not to be listening.

Padre Pio said

"Pray, hope and don't worry"

Please help us Lord to have and maintain his faith in your eternal love. Inspire ALL world leaders to feel compassion for the displaced and persecuted and work for justice for all.

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

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Starting the week beginning 15th September there will be a 7.30pm Wednesday evening group on Zoom and 10.00am Thursday morning group in the church on a fortnightly basis. A list of dates can be found on the notice by the church door. All are welcome. There is no need to have attended Fr Colin's sessions. The three synoptic Gospels will be covered. Contact Deacon Brian or Krissie for further information.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 13TH SEPT.

As part of the Year of Jubilee (Pilgrims of Hope), we will make a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St Anne's, Caversham. Depart St Michael's on foot at 10am. Arrive at St Anne's 12-12.30pm. Be joined for lunch by those unable to walk. Bring a packed lunch. 1.15pm liturgy concluding with Benediction. Depart by 2pm. If interested please sign the list.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website has served us well for many years but is showing the signs of its age. We would like to renew our website and improve our electronic communication. Do any parishioners develop websites and have IT experience? If you have the expertise would you be prepared to assist with the renewal of the parish website? Contact Deacon Brian or Krissie.

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS: SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 3.30 - 5PM

Before returning to Rome Luke Theobald will hold a training session for all our altar servers, young and adult, new and experienced. Whether you are a regular server, haven't served for a long time or thinking about serving, please come along. Your service to the parish is much appreciated. Please sign the list to show your interest.

LIFT FROM CHECKENDON

A parishioner living in Checkendon and without transport would appreciate a lift to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on an occasional basis. Can you help?
Contact Deacon Brian.

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 24th August 2025

Weekend Celebrant: Canon Paul Fitzpatrick

23 / 24 August

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	-	No liturgy

30 / 31 AUGUST

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
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:

Winifred Eve James; Jude D'Souza; Tony and Peggy Brennan; Deidre Keogh;
Jay Colley; David White; Pam Marsland; Anthony Patrick; Peter Small;
Sandra Antao; Rachelle De Souza

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