

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm response:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! The word of the Lord is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. *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:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19 October 2025

Stop me if you've heard this one: a man drives into town for an important appointment and he's late. The town is packed and he can't find anywhere to park. "Please Lord," he prays, "Help me to find a parking space. If you do, I promise I'll go to Mass every day for a month." Just then, a parking space becomes free at the side of the road. "Oh - don't worry, Lord," says the happy chap; "I've found a space now."

Last Sunday, Fr Michael reminded us of the importance of remembering to express our gratitude, as we considered the story of the one leper who thanked Our Lord when ten were healed. I am sure the other nine were also thrilled - but they just didn't think. They took the miracle for granted. And maybe we are the same sometimes. We are not being intentionally ungrateful, but we can be guilty of taking things for granted and - also for not recognising the ways in which our prayers are answered. The little story above illustrates that pretty perfectly!

After last week's lesson in gratitude, from this weekend's readings I take the lesson of perseverance (especially in prayer), support and shared strength. In the first reading, even Moses couldn't win without the help and support of others. Perhaps this is a lesson we could take to heart in our parish? We can sometimes be reluctant to step forward, to offer to share our gifts and talents, to contribute our ideas and thoughts - and expect our parish to continue to function without much help from us. Everyone has something to contribute, even if it's only to listen and nod in agreement - or not!

Maybe this Sunday the Synodal Meeting - the Gathering Together of our very fine community at St Michael's - is the start of a new surge in support and growth - for both our parish and you and me. *Onwards and Upwards!*

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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

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

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

Please continue to pray the rosary daily for World Peace.

SYNODAL ASSEMBLY LED BY CANON PAUL

After the 10.30am Mass this Sunday (19th October)

A light lunch will be served. It's not too late to participate. Please do come along - families and teenagers are especially welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This is the Holy Father's charity for world missions.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Our reflection on St Mark's Gospel continues this week.: Wed. 22nd at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID 847 7279 9050.Passcode: 034423 OR

Thurs. 23rd at 10am in the church. The Reflections will continue fortnightly.

"The joy of the gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded."

These words of Pope Francis remind us of our mission to those who have stopped believing in Jesus or who have never believed in him. With this in mind we want to run an **ALPHA COURSE** in spring 2026 to reach out to such people and invite and welcome them into parish life. It is also an opportunity to renew our own faith in Jesus. To begin, we need to form a core team of people to oversee the organisation of this event. Do you feel called to help? Contact deacon Brian.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP



Saturday the 13th December: in the Church Hall

9.30 am for a 10 am start and the Workshop will run until Midday.

Numbers are restricted, so it has to be on a strictly first come first served basis.

Contact details below if you are interested in taking part

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7PM, MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY

A service (not Mass) on this day will commemorate family and friends who have died. There'll be special candles at the service. *Do bring a photo of your loved one(s) if you wish.*

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 12 October 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Canon Paul

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	David Bannon R.I.P. (recently deceased)
Sunday	10.30am	Mary Frances Morgan, R.I.P. <i>Mass followed by Synodal Assembly</i>
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

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30TH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Aldworth & Cotter Families, deceased, R.I.P.
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 Szule; Rosalyn Thomas; Daniel Carroll.
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:

Phyllis Kiely; Jessie McGinn; Jill Frildo; Alan Waller; Marnie Cotter; Bill Rodgers; Michael and Francis Coffey; Raymond Enright; Leonard Godfrey; Peter Gerard Smyth; Marnie Cotter; Gilbert Dodd; Pam Kizer; Janet (Jane) Jones; Angela May.

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