

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Psalm response:

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. *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:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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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.*

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Sonning Common**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25/26 October 2025

British Summer Time ends this weekend

Remember to put your clocks BACK 1 hour before bedtime on Saturday night!

The reading today contains one of my favourite quotes from St Paul's letters to Timothy.

"As for me...the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith."

This passage was read out at both my parents' funerals. As children we were encouraged to view our lives as a race to heaven.

These are very precious sentiments for us to try to emulate as we travel through this world to our spiritual destiny. We need to love and practice our faith in Jesus Christ. We know that if we obey Him and adopt His principles, trying to live a holy and prayerful life we also will have fought the good fight to the end. We are running the race of life but we are not alone as Jesus is by our side always to help us.

The Catechism tells us that

"we are made to love Him, serve Him in this world and be happy with Him in the next"

(irreverently, as a child I for a long time thought it was in the nest!!!)

Christ gave us and His disciples the tools we need to apply His teachings to our everyday lives, thus overcoming any cruelties and hardships with courage in Jesus' name.

Following the faith is not easy; we often are tempted to give up hope; but if we pray at all times and read His scriptures then He is with us for all time. Hopefully we will succeed and run the race to the end and earn our reward in heaven. God bless us all!

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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.

For the final few days of October, please continue to pray the rosary for World Peace.

7PM, MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY

We all have loved ones who have been called Home to God and this is the ideal day to remember them in a very special way. To this end, there will be - not a Mass - but a Prayer Service in honour of family and friends who have died.

You'll be invited to light a special Commemorative Candle.

Do bring photos of your loved ones if you wish.

Requiescant in pace.



NOVEMBER DEAD

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to enclose a list of your deceased loved ones. They will then be remembered at every Mass during November. *No stipend is necessary but if you do wish to make a donation please indicate on the envelope that you have included one. Thank you.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy). More details next week.

ALPHA COURSE

We are considering running an **ALPHA COURSE** in Spring 2026 to reach out to people who may be searching for answers which a purely secular life cannot provide and to welcome them into parish life. It is also an opportunity to renew our own faith in Jesus. To begin, we need a core team of people to oversee the organisation of this event. Do you feel called to help? Contact deacon Brian.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Synodal Gathering last Sunday: Report coming soon!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Saturday 13th December: in the Church Hall 9.30 am until Midday.

Contact Eveline: 0118 9472899 or Janice 0118 9474241



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 26 October 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

25/26 October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Aldworth & Cotter Families, deceased, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

1/2 NOVEMBER

CEL.: REVV ANDREW AND MICHAEL

ALL SAINTS

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

FUNERAL MASS FOR ROSALYN THOMAS , R.I. P.

will be at St Michael's, 11.30am, Tuesday 18th November.

**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; 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:

Rosalyn Thomas; Dolly Coffey; John Conlon; James Enright;
Ursula Margaret Jean Van Well; Brian Dougan; George Hajdu (senior);
Danny Jenkins; Ursula Margaret; Kevin Geherty; Oliver Keogh;
Monsignor Michael Hoban; Frederica Mary King; Theresa O'Shea;
Christine Thompson; Cher-Vaughan Issel; Deacon Paul Grosvenor.

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