

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.

Psalm response:

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in 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:

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:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

*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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 August 2025

With Fr Colin's recent departure we are re-adjusting to not having a resident priest. Although we are very well supported by priests from our neighbouring parishes, we the St Michael's community must take responsibility for the day-to-day life of our parish. The rôle of every parish is to continue the mission of Jesus, giving everyone who is prepared to listen, the opportunity to hear the good news of God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

By our coming together to worship God and supporting one another on our own journeys of faith, we are better equipped to welcome and encourage those who have yet to respond positively to the call of Jesus, "Come! Follow me." Every member of the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, has a rôle in helping us to be a welcoming and encouraging community.

There are specific rôles that people fulfil both within the prayer life of the parish (servers, readers, welcomers, choir etc) and outside it (cleaners, gardeners, flowers, finance etc) to name just a few. All of these rôles rely on the generous commitment of people giving their time and sharing their talents for the better good of the parish. Sometimes, when we hear an appeal for help, we can think, "I'm sure there is someone who is better than me." Today's first reading and the Gospel encourage us to behave in a humble way, which is very different to false modesty. Humility is not thinking everyone else is better than me, but accepting and using my God-given gifts for the benefit of others in a gentle and unassuming way. False modesty can be an excuse not to use those gifts for the good of others and for the glory of God.

Whenever an appeal is made for help within the parish, prayerfully consider whether God has given you the ability to respond to that particular need, and if so, to respond with generosity and humility.

Deacon Brian

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

FROM FR COLIN

I would like to thank all of you at St Michael's for the lovely farewell morning coffee two weekends ago and for the beautiful gifts presented to me on behalf of the parish. As I wrote in the newsletter that weekend, I am so grateful to you all for your welcome and encouragement and I will miss you very much. I look forward to popping in to see you for Mass when I'm back in England on holidays next year. *Fr Colin*

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.

Contact Deacon Brian or Krissie for further information.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 13TH SEPT.

As part of the Year of Jubilee, we'll make a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St Anne's, Caversham. 10am: leave St Michael's on foot. Arrive St Anne's appx 12noon

Be joined for lunch by those unable to walk. Bring a packed lunch. 1.15pm liturgy concluding with Benediction. Leave by 2pm. Please sign the list if interested.

PARISH WEBSITE: IT EXPERIENCE?

We'd really appreciate your help in re-designing and updating our parish website.

If you have the expertise, do contact Deacon Brian or Krissie.

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

Luke Theobald will hold a training session for all our altar servers.

Whether you are a regular server, haven't served for a long time or thinking about serving, please come along. Please sign the list to show your interest.

NEWSLETTER - EMAIL

On weeks when Krissie is away, the newsletter will not be sent out via email - however, you can find our newsletter on our Parish website.

Please follow the link below and then click on the relevant weekend newsletter

<https://www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk/page10.asp?newslettercatid=43>

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

Parish Liturgies for week commencing 24th August 2025

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Michael Doyle

30 / 31 August

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm | World Peace |
| Sunday | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 10.30am | Holy Souls |
| Monday | 9.30am 7pm | Eucharistic Service HOLY HOUR |
| Tuesday | 12noon | Mass (Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.) |
| Wednesday | - | No liturgy |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Mass |
| Friday | 9.30am | Eucharistic Service |

6 / 7 SEPTEMBER

Celebrant: Fr Joseph Murphy

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| Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| 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 | |

**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.

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:

Patrick Carroll; Diana, Princess of Wales; Jean Dwyer; Mother Teresa of Calcutta;
Gwyn Stanton; Yvonne Aubrier; ; Anthony Fajer; Florence Ada Gibbons; Roger Selwood;
Mina Findlay; Helen Newman; Nikki Wells; Margaret Aldworth; Claude Buik; Sean Smyth;
Michelle Dobson; Deacon Francis Andrews; Marcus Luis Xavier Perreira; Ella Crabb;
Tracey Crayford; Michael Parsons; Victor Rahal.

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