

**Entrance Antiphon:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Psalm response:** The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!* Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *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:**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15/16 November 2025

Today's readings could be called apocalyptic, with descriptions of the earth being shaken by earthquakes and scorched by fire. In the past weeks our news media has been full of reports of Hurricane Melissa hitting Jamaica, several using the words: "apocalyptic scenes" to describe the devastation. Our modern popular understanding of the word apocalypse is of death and destruction. Yet the word derives from the Greek meaning to "uncover to reveal". So, the readings may be interpreted as a way of enlightening us to endings, to new beginnings and to impart hope.

The wildfires, hurricanes and floods of recent year are revealing to us that we are not looking after the Earth God created for us. This is backed up with conclusive scientific research. Pope Francis and now Pope Leo have urged us to put pressure on our leaders to take steps to avert the global warming-related disasters caused by our use of fossil fuels and consumerist lifestyles.

As individuals, families and communities we are all trying to make better choices; for example, to reduce plastic use and to recycle more. In our parish effective initiatives have been encouraged by the Thoughtful living Group, including the recycling bins.

At the individual level too we all face losses– the devastating loss of a loved one, the loss of a of a job – and often we need to face new beginnings. It is how well we support and build up each other individually, in our community, and in our world that will determine how well we cope with the losses, challenges, death and destructive forces that we all at some time have to face.

At the conclusion of the Prayer by St Francis of Assiss, we are lifted by the ultimate hope that at the end of all our strivings in this world

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

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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](mailto:dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk)

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

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend for the Catholic Youth Service

### SCRIPTURE COURSE - NOT THIS WEEK...

...as Canon Paul is attending a priest's funeral. The next session will be on 3/4th December.

### FIRE DRILL AT ALL MASSES ON WEEKEND OF 22-23 NOVEMBER

Following a parish fire safety inspection at St Michael's last year, we were advised to have a fire detector fitted in the church boiler room. The detector was installed earlier this year – you may have noticed the alarm in the right-hand corner at the front of the church.

We are legally required to carry out regular fire drills to make sure that everyone knows what to do should the alarm go off when the church is in use. **There will therefore be a fire drill at the end of each Mass on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November.** On the day there will be instructions on what to do, and plenty of help from our fire wardens, to ensure we can all evacuate the church safely when the alarm sounds.

### CHRISTMAS PUDDING-MAKING EVENING THIS FRIDAY - 21 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

If you would like to come along please do make sure you have filled in a form available at the back of the church and posted this into the office through the letterbox at 18 Peppard Road by **the end of this weekend**. Many thanks .

### BIG CLEAN - SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

We are lucky to have a wonderful team of volunteers who clean our church on a weekly rota, but to prepare for Christmas we would like to have a Big Clean, to include the lights, the sacristy and moving the benches. We'll start at 9.30am - if you can come for the morning or just an hour, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

### VACANCY AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE CHURCH, CAVERSHAM

There is a vacancy for a part-time **parish administrator**.

5 hours/day on Tues./Wed. and Thurs. @ £12.72 ph.

For more information, please contact [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk)

**Closing date:** 5pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November **Interviews:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative can be contacted at: [sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns

## Parish Liturgies for week commencing 16 November 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

### 15 / 16 NOVEMBER

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Elizabeth Riley, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	11.30am	<b>Funeral Mass for Rosaleen Thomas, R.I.P.</b>
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

### 22 / 23 NOVEMBER

### CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Richard Hancock, Intentions
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; 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:

Tess Lynch; Maureen Norris; Nellie Burke; Nickey Harris; Henry New;  
Nellie Barke; Frank Lawless; W.G. Williams; Theresa Hamilton; James Martin

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