

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Psalm response:**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. 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.

Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**To conclude the Bidding Prayers:**

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have gained for us,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly  
and follow you more nearly. Amen.

*(St Richard of Chichester)*

**Communion Antiphon:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 July 2025

### MEDITATION FOR THE WEEK FROM FR COLIN BLAYNEY

Today's Gospel is really a 'Part 2' of what would have been last Sunday's Gospel if we hadn't been celebrating Ss Peter and Paul. And it spoke about the depth of commitment involved in being a disciple. And one thing that stands out in today's Gospel is that Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs. He doesn't send them alone. Even when Jesus first called his disciples he formed them into a group: the band of apostles. We don't ever see Jesus calling a disciple and sending them off alone: his call always draws people into the body of disciples. Which makes it clear that Jesus expects that discipleship involves interaction, cooperation, common action with others: that discipleship involves community. Too often though religion is turned into a 'God and me' thing: 'I'm a very spiritual person, but I don't need religion.' But in fact we don't find the Lord unless we find our brothers and sisters. The Gospel constantly reminds us that discipleship is always discipleship with others. The thing is that it's much easier to be a disciple alone: we can keep control of our own life, do things on our own terms, do things if and when we want to. Very much the desire of the 'me-generation'. But being - truly - part of a community is much more disruptive. It's the difference between merely being in church together and being Church together. Which involves compromise, sacrificing some of my own will and desires, giving as well as receiving. In today's world 'community' is all too often equated with a club membership. But a club member only dips into the activities of the club when, and insofar, as they need them. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christian community is what is given to us by God, who calls us to give ourselves to it. As with all of discipleship community is marked with the sign of the Cross, the ultimate sign of self-giving sacrifice.

## WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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### St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: [www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk](http://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](mailto:dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk)

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

## PARISH SYNODAL ASSEMBLY...

...takes place this Sunday, 6th July beginning with tea in the hall immediately after the 10:30am Mass and concluding by 1:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Even if you haven't put your name down to attend we would love to have you there..

## FR COLIN'S SCRIPTURE COURSE - ALL WELCOME

The final two sessions, both in July: **Tuesday 15th at 7pm & Wednesday 16th at 10am** and **Wednesday 23rd at 10am and 7pm**. These sessions will look at the four Gospels.

## CONFIRMATION: NEXT SUNDAY 13TH JULY AT 12 NOON.

We pray for those who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Walker on Sunday 13th July.

## ST MICHAELS - PROPERTY ISSUES - BRIEFING FOR THE PARISH.

When Father Colin returns to Australia we will once more have a presbytery without an occupant. The Parish Pastoral Committee and the Finance Committee have considered future options. A one-page summary of their thoughts, including Questions & Answers, is available at the back of the church. This weekend (5/6 July), after each Mass, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to discuss this with members of the Parish Pastoral Committee and the Finance Committee.

## HAND ON HEART...

...thank you to all our parishioners for their tremendous response to our defibrillator appeal.

We have reached our target of £1,000 and the defibrillator has been ordered.

We hope it will be installed within the next 3 weeks.

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed.



## HELP WITH CLEANING THE CHURCH PLEASE - THANK YOU!

Volunteers please to join the rota for Church Cleaning! You would only need to help out for 1 –2 hours once every 6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

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](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 6 July 2025

Celebrant: Fr Colin Blayney

### 5 / 6 July

### 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, RIP
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Victoria (Vivian) Smith RIP
Friday	9.30am	Mass at St Martin's School - all welcome

### 12 / 13 JULY

### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Mgr Freddie Miles, RIP
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 the repose of the soul and consolation of the family of **Victoria Vincenza Smith** who died recently: her Funeral Mass takes place this Thursday at 11.00am

**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.

*If circumstances change please ask for the name to be removed from the list.*

## For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Maggie Carroll; Chris Tynan ; Michael Werkalec; Helen Coyle; Bernard Brown;  
Jerry Ferris; Victims of the London Terrorist Bombings 2005; Jack Coyle;  
Mary Josephine Goodrich; Andrzej H. Jakubiszyn; Michael and Julia Keogh; Fritz Mork;  
Martin Dougan; Alf Wade; Christopher Wade; Charley and Mary Ann Smith;  
Brian Stratmore Cleary; John Allison; Frank Johnson; Jimmy O'Shea.

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