

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever.

Psalm response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming of the kingdom of our father David! *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:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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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

Christ, King of the Universe

22/23 November 2025

The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time brings the Church's liturgical year to a close as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and the readings for Cycle C challenge our understanding of what it means to be a king and what it means to be his subject.

In our world, kingship is associated with power, wealth, and triumph. But the Gospel presents us with a King on a Cross. It is on the Cross that Jesus fully embodies his kingship of self-giving love and salvation. He does not fight a human battle; he conquers sin and death.

The rulers jeer, saying, "*He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!*" Even one of the criminals crucified beside him mocks him. While those in power are blinded by their earthly expectations, the second thief, in his final, desperate moments, recognizes the true nature of the man next to him. "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*"

This is the ultimate profession of faith, offered at the foot of the Cross, not in a temple or palace. And what is Christ's royal decree? "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*" The King's first act in his kingdom is to save a condemned man who turns to him in humble repentance.

The Feast of Christ the King is a reminder that, as we head into Advent, we can honour our King most not by seeking power or earthly glory, but by embracing the spirit of the Cross—a spirit of service, sacrifice, and love for God our neighbour.

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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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St Martin's Catholic Primary School

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for the Kenelm Youth Trust which helps young people explore their faith, and take active roles in their parishes in our Archdiocese.

FIRE DRILL AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

There will be a fire drill after all Masses this weekend in line with our legal obligation.

Please read the instructions which will be available on the benches at Mass and listen carefully to Krissie who will explain the procedure, prior to Mass starting.

There will also be help from fire wardens identified by their yellow jackets - the wardens will guide you to your nearest fire exit once the alarm has sounded.

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP - SAT. 13 DEC. 9.30AM IN THE HALL

Numbers are limited so please book your place **no later** than 30 November

by contacting Eveline (evododd@yahoo.co.uk) 0118 9472899

or Janice (Janice.halter@gmail.com) 0118 9474241

It's great fun, you make a festive wreath, you get mince pies and a hot drink!



HARK! CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir as we prepare for Christmas you are most welcome. We meet 7.30pm on Tuesdays in the church. For more information contact

Frances: frances.theobald@btopenworld.com



BIG CLEAN - SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER—FROM 9.30AM

Your church needs YOU - for a deep clean in readiness for Christmas.

Whatever time you can spare will be hugely appreciated.

RED BOXES

If you have a Red Box please would you bring it to Church by the end of the month. Any problems, do ring Jacqui Watterton (07970 692056) who'll happily collect your Box from home. Many thanks to you all

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL ...

from Kathleen and Brian Morgan for the beautiful flowers and good wishes on the recent occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

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 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 23 November 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

22 / 23 NOVEMBER

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Richard Hancock
Sunday	10.30am	Stephen Aldworth & Cotter Family, deceased
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12.00pm	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

29 / 30 NOVEMBER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr A)

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

Doug Farquhar; Elizabeth Murphy; Raymond Graham ; Joy Lowther;
Edward Cotterell; Martino De Souza; Edith Jenkins; Sue Walker; Joe Walker;
Nessa Weldon; Frank Adams; Stephen Burke; Ron Clark; George Coulehan;
Jack Hickey; Rob and Margaret Lackie; Roger and Gwen Whyte

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