

Entrance Antiphon:

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Psalm response:

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the most high

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. *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:

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

*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.*

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Sonning Common**

*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,
Checkendon, Stoke Row, Emmer Green
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8/9 November 2025



This is also Remembrance Sunday.
**We will observe the 2 minute silence during the 10.30am Mass
in memory of those who have died in conflicts.**



A church, The Church Our Church

Today's Feast seems and sounds unusual but is so important in the Church's calendar that it replaces our usual Ordinary Time Sunday.

The readings give us a clue as they all speak about temples.

Jesus, in the Gospel, in the physical Temple in Jerusalem tells the Jews that the Temple will be destroyed and rebuilt in three days – St John explains that, in this case, he is talking about the Temple that was His Body. After the Ascension, the Body of Christ, left to carry out his mission on earth his followers – You, Me and all the other members of his Church.

Early Christians used the Greek word *ekklēsia*, meaning “assembly” or “called-out ones”, to describe the community of believers gathered for worship and mission. We use the same word ‘Church’ for our community and it also became the word used to describe the building each local group of Christians worshipped in. For the Jews, there was only one Temple (the one in Jerusalem) so we have One Church, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, that is the community of believers.

Each of us will have special fondness for one or more particular physical church. Perhaps the one you went to as a child; where you were married; came to as a family or St Michael's where you come each Sunday. A place where you feel spiritually ‘at home’. The importance of the physical church to the local Church is recognised by the anniversary of its consecration being a Feast Day. This may go by unnoticed by us – St Michael's is on 10 June.

So what has all this to do with the Lateran Basilica? The Lateran Basilica is the Pope's cathedral (not St Peter's), the oldest church in Rome, given to the Church by the Emperor Constantine and consecrated in 324. We celebrate today that we are one Church and that under Pope Leo we are, together, called to be Christ's Body both for the whole world and our local community.

A Parishioner

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

Blessing of Graves at Kidmore End Cemetery: *'We will remember them'*

This will take place at 2pm this Sunday, 9 November

THANK YOU...

...to all who attended the Prayer Evening last Monday honouring and remembering those of our loved ones who have gone before us. The event was very well-attended and all agreed that it was a prayerful and moving occasion and one we hope to repeat in future years.

"The joy of the gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded."

These words of Pope Francis remind us of our mission to those who have stopped believing in Jesus or who have never believed in him. With this in mind we want to run an **ALPHA COURSE** in spring 2026 to reach out to such people and invite and welcome them into parish life. It is also an opportunity to renew our own faith in Jesus. To begin, we need to form a core team of people to oversee the organisation of this event. Do you feel called to help?

Contact deacon Brian.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Thank you for all your contributions to the foreign coin collection - if you have any leftover currency that you would like to donate, please could you bring it to church by next Sunday 16th November and pop it in the dedicated collection tin. Many thanks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 November £10 Charity shop – Christmas Gift Challenge!

*If you would like to take part in this event, please sign the sheet at the back of the church **this weekend** -so that Krissie can book places for lunch. Thank you.*

21 November Christmas Pudding-Making Evening 7.30pm

Please use the order form at the back of the church.

6 December The Big Clean - volunteers please, to prepare our church for Christmas

13 December Christmas Flower-Arranging Workshop 9.30-Midday


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 9 November 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

8/9 NOVEMBER

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Helen Williams
Sunday	9.00am	Bernard Lowe, R.I.P. (<i>Anniversary on Monday</i>)
Sunday	 10.30am	Those who have died in Conflicts, and those who still suffer today as a result of war.
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	-	No Liturgy at St Michael's. <i>11am Mass at Our Lady & St Anne's Caversham for deceased clergy of the deanery - all welcome</i>
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

15 / 16 NOVEMBER

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

FUNERAL MASS FOR ROSALEEN THOMAS 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 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:

Nora Smyth; Hilda Blow; James and Lena Dnova; Winifred Ferns;
Bernard Lowe; Peter, Brian and James Bird; Bill Buffery; Geza Tolth; Billy Tutt;
Sylvia Warder; Eunice Dove; Henry Belletty

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