

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Psalm response:

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. *Alleluia.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After the Bidding Prayers:

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left unaided.
Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins.
To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward
save that of knowing that we do your holy will. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Kind and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house for ever singing your praise.

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11/12 July 2026

“He indeed bears fruit”

This weekend is a busy one for our parish. At the 10.30am Mass, nine of our young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Richard. Later in the day, at 4.30pm, we will welcome members of the other local Christian churches for our joint ‘**Get Together Sunday – Hymns and History**’ event.

As we rejoice with our young people who are being Confirmed today, it is important that we support them with our prayers. We pray in light of today’s Gospel that their young hearts will be eager and receptive for the Holy Spirit to take root in their lives. So that as they grow and mature they will yield a great harvest in the service of God. This special event prompts us to reflect on our own Confirmation. The memory of what happened on the day, perhaps now in the distant past, may be somewhat fuzzy, yet can I see how the Holy Spirit has led me to bear fruit in the service of God over the intervening years? No matter when we were Confirmed, we should spend a moment each day to give thanks for God’s gift to us of his Holy Spirit, and ask that our hearts remain young and receptive to his promptings in order for us to continue to bear fruit for God.

The ‘**Get Together Sunday**’ event is a practical sign that the Holy Spirit is active and working in our parish and the other local Christian communities. While the evil one seeks to sow distrust and divide, the Holy Spirit brings peace and unites. Although we know our Churches have yet to experience full unity, at the local level we try to support one another and work together as much as possible. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our united witness to the message of Jesus is likely to bear more fruit than going it alone.

Today, let us pray for our young people who are being Confirmed, renew our own awareness of the Holy Spirit our lives, and rejoice in the unity the Holy Spirit brings at our Get Together Sunday event.

Deacon Brian

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.
The Catholic Parish of St Michael's

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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.

SECOND COLLECTION: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

GET TOGETHER SUNDAY - HISTORY & HYMNS - 4.30PM, SUNDAY

We look forward to welcoming the other local Christian churches to St Michael's. This summer event has been organised by women from each of the six churches. We will learn a little of each others' history (some go back several hundred years), sing our favourite hymns and pray. It will conclude with afternoon tea in the hall. It promises to be both a joyful and interesting celebration so encourage your family and friends to come along.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE COME BY 4.15PM TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS.

CONFIRMATIONS - 10.30AM MASS - THIS SUNDAY 12 JULY

This weekend we welcome Bishop Richard Walker, the Auxiliary Bishop for the south of the Archdiocese, who will Confirm nine of our young people. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

ORDINATIONS INTO OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Please continue to pray for Fr Johnathan Henry, Fr Jithin Titto and Fr Tenny Antony as they begin their priestly ministry.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP): 18TH/19 JULY

CAP will tell us about their work in the local area helping people to get out of debt and poverty. They will be making an appeal for befrienders to help their local efforts.

PPC meeting on Monday. Email the office or Deacon Brian with comments/suggestions.

JULY CLOTHING APPEAL - ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Throughout July we are collecting casual clothes for patients leaving hospital, with no family or friends. There are boxes at the back of the church for your kind contributions.

Please send any items for the newsletter to fran.stm.news@gmail.com

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 5th July 2026

Weekend Celebrants: *Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle*

11/12 JULY

15TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Barry Gibbons, R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	CONFIRMATION MASS: Bishop Richard Walker
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass Mgr Freddie Miles, R.I.P. (Ordination Anniv.)
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

18/19 JULY Cels: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

16TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Stitt Family 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; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Barbara Stitt; Cian Murphy; Alan Skingsley; Carmelina Imperato; Terry Mc Goldrick.

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:

John Allison; Frank Johnson ; Jimmy O'Shea; Nan Oattes; Marjorie Wickens; Marsh Kirby; Claire Ryan; Catherine Cottrell; Nigel Drever; Ian Reid; Peggy and Arthur Evans; Dudley George James ; Gladys Tomlinson

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