

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Psalm response:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!* Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. *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 and grant my prayer. Amen.

**To conclude the Bidding Prayers:**

Heavenly Father, grant us peace in our nations and in our hearts.  
Help leaders and citizens alike to work towards a harmonious society.  
May Your peace penetrate every corner of our world, touching hearts  
and changing lives. Help us to be vessels of Your peace,  
spreading kindness and compassion in our interactions.  
Let this peace be a foundation for unity and progress. Amen

**Communion Antiphon:**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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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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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24/25 January 2026

**Christian Unity**



**Father...**  
**May they be one  
just as we are one .**

## 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**

St Michael's Hall Hire Tel:01189723418

St Martin's Catholic Primary School

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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

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY

The culmination of this Week of Prayer for Christian unity will be a service at 6.30pm, today, 25th January, at Christ the King, Sedgewell Road, Sonning Common.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

...resumes this week with Canon Paul delving into the Gospel of St Matthew.

Wed. 28th at 7.30pm on Zoom. Meeting ID 847 7279 9050.

Passcode: 034423 OR Thurs. 29th at 10am in the church.

### "SANTA DOESN'T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT" CHARITY RAFFLE... 8TH FEB.

Please leave any unwanted Christmas gifts (marked: 'charity raffle') at the back of the church. Raffle tickets - on sale 31st January & 1st, 7th and 8th February. This is a great chance to 'recycle' gifts while raising money for charities supported by our church.

### CONTACT DEACON BRIAN IF...

...you can help with the opening and closing of the church on the occasions he has other commitments.

...you would like to join our team of dedicated (but not very numerous) altar servers. Young and adult - very welcome and simple training will be given.

### PARISH DATABASE

We would like to complete the update of our parish database/register this weekend.

If you have previously filled in a form please would you check with Deacon Brian that the details we have on file are correct.

If you have not filled in a form, please would you take one from the back of church and return it, completed, to the Sacristy or Church Office by next weekend.

Many thanks.

### PATRICIA ALLEN - R.I.P.

4pm Wednesday 11 February -Reception of the Body

2pm Thursday 12 February - Funeral Mass

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 25 January 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster and Fr Michael Doyle

### 24/25 JANUARY

**3rd Sunday in O.T.**

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Annette Shaw, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	Ted Cantrell, R.I.P.
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service [ <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i> ]
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

### 31 JAN/1FEB Cel: Revv. Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle 4TH SUNDAY IN O.T

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Joseph Rush, R.I.P. <i>Anniversary</i>
Sunday	9.00am	Katie MacDonald R.I.P.
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P. <b>FAMILY MASS</b>
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, Daniel Carroll; TJ.

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

### For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Philomena Smith; William Tillotson; Frederick Wareham; Alan Graves;  
Rev. Canon Frederick Smythe; William Woodward; John Cano; Kieran Cotter; Briget Gurney  
Carlos Ramirez; Anne Marie Agnes Chancellor-Wheale; Leopold James;  
Denis and Nora Fogarty; Judith Over; Barbara Pike; Irene George; Eugene Herbert;  
May McGrath; Noel Pearce; Sean Regan; Joseph Rush.

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