

Entrance Antiphon:

O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Psalm response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. 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: [Diocesan Prayer for Vocations]

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.

Inspire in the hearts of your people

vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,

so that those whom you call

have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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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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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news>



*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard, Checkendon, Stoke Row,
Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8 February 2026

Week 2 - Rome

I am currently being formed for the priesthood in the Venerable English College Rome. It is a privilege to be training in the heart of the Church, making friends from all over the world and experiencing the richness and diversity of Catholic faith. However, these past few months have been extraordinarily special. In October King Charles came to Rome on an historic visit. All the British seminarians and religious were invited to St Paul's Outside the Walls for a moving and powerful moment of ecumenical prayer. After the service we met the King who proved to be a very charming and witty man but also one with a profound faith as he shared some of his experiences of visiting the Birmingham Oratory and the impact this had upon him. A week after the King's visit, at the Mass in which St John Henry Newman was declared Doctor of the Church, the College was invited to serve for the Holy Father himself. It was such a joy and has left a lasting impression on me not only having the chance to meet the Pope, but more importantly to serve for him at the celebration of Mass, the source and summit of our faith. It was clear from meeting him that Pope Leo is a man of deep prayer, humility, wisdom and holiness. He has inspired me to be more intentional with my prayer life, to deepen my relationship with God and to serve others with a greater zeal. I hope he has proven an inspiration to you too. I could write so much more, the conclusion of the Jubilee year, the growing veneration of the 44 martyrs of the Venerable English College or some of the outstanding Biblical theology I am currently receiving at the university. Suffice to say I am immensely grateful that the Lord, through the Archbishop, invited me to study in Rome. Next week the growth of hope.



Luke Theobald

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

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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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

This week, the Talk will be on Thursday 12th at 10am in the HALL.

The Zoom meeting will **also** be on THURSDAY 12th at 7.30pm

Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS 7PM MONDAY

Please do remember that, as requested by the Dean, we are devoting a Holy Hour every Monday evening during February to pray most especially for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

ALTAR SERVERS -- TRAINING SESSIONS - 14 FEB & 14 MARCH AT 3PM

All current servers and those interested in starting to serve (adult and young) are invited to two training sessions of about two hours each with a short break.

Fr Michael Doyle will be present, as we begin to think about Easter.

Email Deacon Brian if you can attend.

“SANTA DOESN’T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT” CHARITY RAFFLE...

...will be drawn on Sunday, 8th Feb, after 10.30am Mass.

An extra prize - one of Fr Michael Sharkey’s legendary fruit cakes - very kindly donated by the man himself!



ALPHA—What is it and Why?

An introduction - 10 March at 7pm, repeated 12 noon on 22 March. Details soon.

FUN & GAMES! - SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH 3-5PM - IN THE CHURCH HALL

Board Games for everyone over the age of 6 years. A truly fun family event.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church to say you’ll be there!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY MARCH 6TH - 6.30PM.

Please do join us on March 6th as we unite with other local churches for the World Day of Prayer, at Christ the King Church, Sedgewell Rd..

This year it's prepared by Nigeria. 146 other countries will be praying on the same day.

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 8th February 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle
assisted by Deacon Tenny

7/8 FEBRUARY

5th Sunday in O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Anthony Paviour, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	World Peace
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service HOLY HOUR
Tuesday	-	No liturgy (Deanery Meeting)
Wednesday	4pm	Reception of Patricia Allen’s body
Thursday	2pm	Funeral Mass - Patricia Allen, R.I.P.
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service <i>[St Paul Miki]</i>

14/15 FEBRUARY

Rev. Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle **6TH SUNDAY IN O.T**

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Miles, R.I.P.
Sunday	10.30am	Stephen Aldworth, R.I.P.
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

Anna Keen; Eileen (Nevin)Leech; Dennis Goodehied; Kathleen Warren; Joanna Sheehan; Patrick Sullivan; Marie King; Hugh Jerome Morland; Florence Pearce; Elizabeth Doran; Diane Fox; Rex Raven; Willem Anschutz; Delia Davies; Joan Leach; Harold Price; Adrian Watkins; Patricia Allen.

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