

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Saviour!

**Psalm response:**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. *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:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

*The newsletter is also available at [www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk](http://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, Dunsden, Peppard, Checkendon, Stoke Row,  
Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



The folk-Christmas band, St Agnes Fountain, performs a poignant song titled "**Joseph Was a Refugee**". The lyrics focus on the struggles the Holy Family faced to stay safe in first century Palestine.

‘Joseph was a refugee  
He packed his bags and fled  
Into the dark of a foreign night  
With no place to lay his head’

Over two million Irish people, fleeing the Great Irish Famine between 1845-1855 were crowded into ships to be taken across the Atlantic. Due to rampant typhus, cholera, and starvation, death rates routinely reached 20 to 30 percent, with many passengers buried at sea. These ships became known as ‘coffin ship’ and were the subject of a recent song by B.G. McDaid.

‘From the Erin’s Queen they never came ashore  
And half those souls we never saw no more  
They say it was the devil’s trip  
For they never left that Coffin Ship’

Refugees are fleeing persecution today and we should remember Jesus’ words:

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

Refugee Week is next week. Look at the display from the Thoughtful Living Group and pray for displaced people everywhere.

A Parishioner

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

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: DAY FOR LIFE

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: 10.30 AM - NEXT SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Please pray for the children and their families. Pray also for the young people enrolling on the Confirmation programme this weekend.

### SYNODAL GATHERING

Thank you to all who were able to participate last Sunday. We reflected on inviting and welcoming non-practising Catholics and those with no faith into the life of the parish. The PPC will now consider the outcome of the gathering.

Any progress must be supported by prayer.

Will you be willing to be part of a team of parish intercessors praying regularly for this cause? Please email Deacon Brian.

### GET TOGETHER SUNDAY - HISTORY & HYMNS - 4.30PM, 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

This is your last opportunity to submit your favourite hymn on the sheet at the back of the church as we prepare to welcome the other local church communities to St Michael's.

### PPC MEETING ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE

Do email Deacon Brian with anything you wish to have discussed at the meeting.

### EVENTS IN NEARBY PARISHES:

St Birinus, Dorchester on Thames. St Birinus Festival of sacred music 9-12 July.

[www.stbirinusfestival.co.uk](http://www.stbirinusfestival.co.uk)

Our Lady & St John, Goring. An evening celebrating Goring-born Sir John Soane 17 July.

[www.galileegoring.org.uk](http://www.galileegoring.org.uk)

### JUNE: REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH

Do take a look at the display in our church and take a prayer card home.

**Please send any items for the newsletter to [fran.stm.news@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 14th June 2026

Weekend Celebrants: *Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle*

**13/14 JUNE**

**11TH SUNDAY IN O.T.**

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Eno Ebong, R.I.P. (First anniversary)
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	World Peace
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass Percy Griffith, R.I.P.
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass Ben Fox - Peace and Healing
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

**20/21 JUNE** *Cels: Revv Patrick Lombard & Michael Doyle* **12TH SUN. IN O.T.**

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	<b>First Holy Communion Mass YOUTH 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; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Barbara Stitt; Cian Murphy; Alan Skingsley;  
*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:

Lily Weegan; Marcelle Edwards; Bridie Burke; Mary Cunningham;  
Bridie Burke; Derek Graham; Christine Coyle; Sue Conners; Kieran Cotter;  
Marlene Fernandes; Joan Law; Marie Madeleine (Maddy) Sharman;  
Percy Griffith; Eno Ebong.

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