

Psalm response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. *Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

The Gospel is on page 156 in the Sunday Missal.

The Passion according to St Luke is on page 179 in the Sunday Missal

The Apostles Creed is on page 456.

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail Mary Full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

To conclude the bidding prayers:

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have gained for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly. Amen.
(*St Richard of Chichester*)

Communion Antiphon:

Father if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

*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.*

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Information about the Year of Jubilee can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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of St Michael's
Sonning Common**

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

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
Palm Sunday - 13 April 2025****THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“A week is a long time in politics” is attributed to Harold Wilson PM. Public opinion and the fate of leaders can dramatically shift. We experience this today and so it was two thousand years ago.

The rabbi that was fêted and acclaimed on His entry into Jerusalem was scorned and derided on the cross less than a week later. The people, having waited for the Messiah for so long, were overjoyed to think that their wait was over and he had finally come. Little did they imagine that a few days later they would be calling for his crucifixion.

A single week can also be a long time for us – a time of contemplation and personal growth.

The next week could be the last week of Lent or the first week of a deeper appreciation of the gifts so dearly bought for us.

That is our choice.

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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

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All Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website

YEAR OF JUBILEE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - A LENTEN REFLECTION

The final Reflection - Wednesday evening, 16th April. 7pm

Christ our Hope. The resurrection of Christ is the motive for our hope.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS, 10AM.

This year we will begin and finish at St Michael's. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. Please join with Christians from all the local churches as we witness to the Lord's suffering and death on this day

RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7PM ON MONDAY

Holy Week is an excellent time to really focus on Our Lord's love for us and our response to that love, perhaps by asking for forgiveness for the times we have failed Him?

On Monday evening, during a short reconciliation service, there'll be the chance to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - to 'Go to Confession'.

'Those whose sins you forgive are forgiven.' (Jn 20:23)

PASSION PLAY IN READING

Rise Theatre are performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens on Good Friday 18th April (3.30pm) and Saturday 19th (3.00pm). It is a FREE event. Take a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! *The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised.* www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay.

WELCOME RECEPTION - SUNDAY 4TH MAY - 11.30AM

Thank you if you've signed up to help with the welcome reception for Fr Colin.

The sheet is still available at the back of the church for more volunteers.

We are looking for extra help to bake a few cakes, biscuits etc. We will also need some help in setting up the Hall in advance. Of course, everyone will be very welcome at the Reception on the day. Thank you.

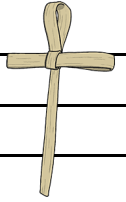
The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Mary Lewis** who can be contacted at: sg.stmichael.sonningcommon@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding 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 13 April 2025

This weekend we welcome Fr Joseph Murphy

12/13 April

Palm Sunday



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| Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| Sunday | 10.30am | World Peace |
| Monday | 12 noon 7pm | Funeral Mass for Phyllis Belletty Reconciliation Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Tuesday | 12 noon | Mass |
| Wednesday | - | No Liturgy |
| Maundy Thursday | 7pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday | 12 noon 3pm 7pm | Stations of the Cross for Children The Solemn Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Stations of the Cross |

19/20 April

Easter Sunday

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| Saturday Vigil | 8 pm | Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter |
| 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 | |

Please refer to separate Lent and Easter card for details of other services during Holy Week.

**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; Fr. Paul Rowan; Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz.
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:

Catherine Nevin; John Rixon; Ron Ryan; Geza Toth; Carol Connell;
Fr Robert O'Neill; Fr. Xavier O.F.M.; Jenny Pereira; Jack Leach;
Mary Ann Oattes; Camilio Santana Rodrigues.

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