

14th Sunday in O.T.

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Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalm response:

I will bless your name forever, my God and king.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. *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: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5 July 2026

The Gospel today speaks of Humility, Gentleness and Comforting rest. These are all virtues which we wish to attain as Christians; and the only way to achieve them is through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Jesus was humble: look how he arrived as a baby in a cow shed in Bethlehem, this man who was to change and save the world. On Palm Sunday He rode on a donkey as he entered Jerusalem to palm leaves and cheers. He suffered a criminal's death, although He was innocent of any wrongdoing.

He is the embodiment of peace and gentleness and asks us to
“*take up our cross and follow Him*” - no matter how difficult life becomes.

He wants us to become as little children:

“*Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the Kingdom of God*”

We are asked to approach God with the simplicity and openness of children. Peace and gentleness are the gifts we will receive.

Jesus also said to adults that we should come to Him and ask for comforting rest:

“*Come to me all you who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest*”

We do not have all the answers but Our Blessed Lord does and he points us the way - be humble and accepting of God's words and He will answer us - maybe not exactly as we want but as God decrees.

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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 NEXT WEEKEND: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

GET TOGETHER SUNDAY - HISTORY & HYMNS - 4.30PM, 12TH JULY

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.

CONFIRMATIONS - 10.30AM MASS - SUNDAY 12 JULY

Next 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 THIS WEEK

Three young men are being ordained: Johnathan Henry (4th), Jithin Titto (6th) and Tenny Antony (10th). Pray that their ministry among God's people will be blessed.

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.

PRISON VISITING: HUNTERCOMBE PRISON

As part of an initial 6 month trail, PACT are looking for people who are interested in becoming an official Prison Visitor. You would be expected to visit a prisoner with whom you have been matched at least once a month.

olivia.griffiths@prisonadvice.org.uk would be pleased to give you more details

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*

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| Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.00am | Stephen Aldworth & Cotter Family, dec'd, R.I.P. |
| Sunday | 10.30am | Maddy Sharman, R.I.P FAMILY MASS |
| Monday | 9.30am | Eucharistic Service |
| Tuesday | 12 noon | Mass |
| Wednesday | - | No liturgy |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Mass |
| Friday | 9.30am | Eucharistic Service |

11/12 JULY *Cels: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle*

15TH SUN. IN O.T.

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| Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm | Barry Gibbons, R.I.P. (1st Anniversary) |
| 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 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 Learmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; T.J. 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:

Jean Coleman; Susanna Free; Francis Joanes; Margaret Mather; W. Smyth; Chris Tynan; Maggie Carroll; Michael Werkalec; Victims of the London Terrorist Bombings 2005
Bernard Brown; Helen Coyle; Jerry Ferris; Jack Coyle; Mary Josephine Goodrich; Andrzej H. Jakubiszyn; Michael and Julia Keogh; Fritz Mork; Martin Dougan; Alf Wade
Christopher Wade; Charley and Mary Ann Smith; Brian Stratmore Cleary.

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