

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Psalm response:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

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:

God For Us, You are Father,
God Alongside Us, You are Jesus,
God Within Us, You are Holy Spirit.

You are the Eternal Mystery
that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things,
even us, and even me.

Every name falls short of your Goodness and Greatness.

We can only see who You are in what is.

We ask for such perfect seeing.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

*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.*



Catholic Parish of St Michael's Sonning Common

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

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Trinity Sunday

15 June 2025

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - FROM FR COLIN

1600 years ago there were riots on the streets of Constantinople. But the people weren't rioting over a political issue or an economic matter or a social crisis. They were rioting over the Trinity, over different understandings of the Trinity. If only there was that much passion today about the faith we have and the God in whom we believe!

Because at the heart of discipleship is our relationship with Jesus who is the Christ. And the belief which unites all Christian denominations is that Jesus is much more than a good man, so much more than a prophet, that he doesn't just point the way to God but that he IS the way to God, and that he is that for the simple reason that he IS God.

And he's one of us.

As Christians we don't merely follow a prophet, a preacher of a message, a giver of rules: our faith, our baptism, is about something more enormous than that: we stand in the heart of the Blessed Trinity because we stand with Jesus. And so this Sunday is about who we are and who we're meant to be - people made in the image and likeness of God who is Trinity, who is communion. Our belief in the Trinity is a declaration of faith in God whose very being is relationship, whose very being is love, whose very nature is self-giving. And that says so much about who *we're* meant to be. We live in a world in which unbridled selfishness is so common. And in contrast to that this feast speaks of a God whose inner life is opened in love to the world in the incarnation, in the selflessness, suffering and death of the Word made flesh, in the flooding life-giving outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This is God. This is who we're meant to be. And the Eucharist proclaims it every time we celebrate it: 'This is my body *given* for you, my blood *poured out* for you.' Today is our 'name day': Trinity Sunday. It names the God we believe in. It calls us to be the face of that God in all that we are and in all that we do: to be in the image and likeness of the Father, who reaches out in merciful love to the world, and the Son, who embraces it, and dies for it, and the Spirit, who graces it.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Pendennis Avenue, Caversham Park. 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

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

Second Collection - this weekend - Day For Life

The Fund provides financial aid to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death.

FR COLIN'S SCRIPTURE COURSE

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 18th June** at the two alternatives of 10am and 7pm (both in the church).

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

The two Sundays following Pentecost flow from it beautifully. Today's feast of Trinity Sunday celebrates the God we experience in the Easter mystery. Next Sunday's feast of the Eucharist celebrates that we *experience* the Easter mystery, the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit each time we participate in the celebration of Mass.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS...

go with the young people of our parish who receive First Holy Communion this weekend.

HELP STILL NEEDED PLEASE

We are still seeking parishioners interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to help by taking Holy Communion to the housebound in our parish. Please see Fr Colin or Deacon Brian for more details.

BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR OR DIRECTOR AT ONE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Diocesan Education Service has launched a promotional video to support recruitment.

In the video Archbishop Bernard Longley, school leaders, and current governors and directors discuss the role and how rewarding it can be. Opportunities are available across the Archdiocese, and all skills and backgrounds are welcome. Visit the diocesan website for more information: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

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 15 June 2025

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Michael Doyle

14 / 15 June

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	First Holy Communion Mass
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	12pm	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Mass at St Martin's/ Maddy Sharman Anniv. RIP

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Special Intention
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

**The funeral of Lin Prendergast will take place at 1.30pm on Friday, 27 June.
The celebrant will be Fr Kenneth Macnab.**

**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.

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:

Marcelle Edwards; Bridie Burke; Mary Cunningham; Bridie Burke; Derek Graham;
Christine Coyle; Sue Connors; Kieran Cotter; Marlene Fernandes; Joan Law;
Marie Madeleine (Maddy) Sharman; Jimmy Curran

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