

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm response:

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word. *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:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time****8/9 August 2026**

One word that comes to mind from this week's readings is discernment.

How do we know when it is God speaking to us? Perhaps in a moment of calm, or even in a moment of distress, when we are most likely to seek Him out.

We follow Elijah to the mountain of God, where he goes to listen for God's word. There is something about stepping away from the daily hustle and bustle of life – taking time for reflection, for peace, and simply to listen.

Elijah is intentional about going away to hear God. And he recognises God's presence despite all that happens around him. The powerful wind, the earthquake and the fire come and go, but God is found in the gentle whisper.

This scene is played out again in the Gospel. The disciples are in a boat, surrounded by wind and waves, when Jesus comes towards them. Yet even then, they doubt and question. Peter steps out of the boat, but when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses on the storm, fear takes over.

Is this sometimes a reflection of our own faith?

We know Jesus and we wait for Him, but when He speaks or calls us to step out in faith, we can still doubt.

So what helps us to discern His gentle whisper amidst the daily storms of life?

Perhaps it begins by making space to be still, to listen, and to trust.

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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St Martin's Catholic Primary School

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.

WELCOME BACK!

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Colin, who has kindly kept his promise to come and see us again on his next visit to the UK and Oxfordshire. Thank you, Father.

PARISH INTERCESSORY GROUP

This group is now established. 12 parishioners are regularly praying for our parish, particularly how we can reach out to non-practicing Catholics and those with no faith, and invite them into the life of the parish.

MANY THANKS

... to all of you who stepped 'up to the plate' and offered your services to help with the packing of food parcels for the Foodbank deliveries, with the cleaning of the church and with the gardening. This is a parish full of wonderful people! If you feel like volunteering to help in any capacity, then don't be shy. We are always delighted to avail ourselves of your talents.

PPC MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th August. If you have any ideas or comments for discussion by the Committee, please email the office or pop them in the suggestion box at the back of the church. Thank you.

CRAFT AND PRODUCE SALE (26th - 27th September)

We will be holding our annual Craft and Produce Sale at the Parochial Weekend so if you make any jams/preserves/liqueurs or would like to make something to sell, we would be delighted! In the past we have sold cards, knitted gifts, jewellery and ornaments, but whatever you can make, we can put on sale!

Please send any items for the newsletter to fran.stm.news@gmail.com

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Parish Liturgies for week commencing 2nd August 2026

Weekend Celebrant: Rev. Colin Blayney

8/9 AUGUST

19TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	-	No liturgy

15/16 AUG.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
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 Buntton; Savanna Clark; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. 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:

Elizabeth Regan; Ada Newman; Tommy Keogh; Ralph Mascarenhas;
Rebecca Saxby Evans; John Joseph Walsh; Michelle Wells Jacobson;
Anthony Christopher Boulton; Sean Kennedy; Jack Faherty; Louis and Dora Paola;
Lilly Dougan; Kathleen McGuire; Jedd.

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