

## Second Sunday of Lent

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### Psalm response:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

### Acclamation:

*Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.* From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." *Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.*

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

### After the Bidding Prayers:

*Hail Mary...*

### To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Heavenly Father,  
In this sacred season of Lent,  
I come before You with a humble heart,  
seeking renewal, forgiveness, and grace.  
Teach me to walk in the footsteps of Christ,  
to embrace sacrifice with joy,  
and to love others with patience and mercy.  
Cleanse my soul from all that draws me away from You,  
and fill me with the light of Your truth.  
Through the cross, lead me to the glory of the Resurrection,  
so that, renewed in spirit,  
I may proclaim Your love to the world.  
I make my prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

### Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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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*



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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28 Feb./1 March 2026

LIGHT. This is the main theme of today's gospel- the Transfiguration. We all understand that light helps us see more clearly in the darkness.

Jesus is bathed in celestial light during the Transfiguration, showing the disciples, and therefore us also, that it is Christ we must follow always so we do not stumble in the darkness of this world. He is our reliable guide through all perils and if we stay true to Him then we will have eternal life and light forever.

The Light in the Gospel is more than ordinary light - it is the Light of Christ.

This world can be a dark, frightening and lonely place. The light of Christ should enhance it and lead us in our blindness, be it real or spiritual blindness.

Martin Luther King once said:

*"It is still one of the tragedies of human history that the 'children of darkness' are frequently more determined and zealous than the 'children of light'"*

This Sunday, during the Transfiguration gospel, we should remember all who have died and gone before us. Their names are on the heavenly roll call and we must ask for their help to light us to Christ. They have gone as a light before us. We are all children of light because God made us all with love. The Transfiguration showed the Apostles that Jesus was truly the way to God. His light opened their minds.

Let us pray that we can be transfigured into the light of God's love and mercy and show others the way to salvation. Christ's light is with us constantly as He promised:

*"Yes even to the end of time".*

*T.M.*

## 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

St Michael's Hall Hire Tel:01189723418

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Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: [www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk](http://www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk)

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Tel: 07484332580 or email [dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk)

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

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

We welcome into our Church and our community

**Arthur John Jackson-Reilly** who was baptised on Saturday, 28 February.

### FAMILY MASS

This Sunday we have a special **Musical Family Mass** where children will be able to join in using bells and battery operated candles as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. Please do come and join us.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm on Zoom and Thursday 5th at 10am in the church  
Zoom Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, THIS FRI. 6TH. 6.30PM.** Christ the King Church, Sedgewell Rd.

### ALPHA - What is it and Why?

As a parish we would like to invite Catholics who no longer practise their faith to reconnect with the Church and provide an opportunity for others to know Jesus for perhaps the first time. An Alpha Course running over 11 weeks can be an effective way of doing this. However it needs a committed parish team. Can you help? To find out more, please come to one of the introduction sessions in the church hall:

**10 March at 7pm, repeated 12 noon 22 March.**

### The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting...

...will take place on 9th March. Feel free to contribute items for the Agenda by emailing the office or putting a note in the Suggestions Box at the back of the church.

### MARY HAGGER, R.I.P.

Please pray for the response of the soul and the consolation of the family of Mary Hagger (Bernard's mother) who died last week. May she rest in peace.

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 1 March 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

### 28 FEB./1 MARCH

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Mike Coulehan, R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P. <b>MUSICAL FAMILY MASS</b>
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service [St Chad] <b>HOLY HOUR - for Lent</b>
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass - <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass - <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Friday	-	Eucharistic Service - <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>

### 7/8 MARCH Revv. Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Mary Hagger, R.I.P. (recently dec'd)
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;  
Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learmouth;  
Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz, Daniel Carroll; TJ.

*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:

Patricia Bateman; Andrew Britton; Eleanor Fanning; Henry Ernest Gibbons;  
Thomas Hoban; Oscar Roman Lambrano; Christine Lester; Alfred May;  
Patricia Nicholson; Lillian and Leslie Peach; Jerome Reilly; Lambertus van Bree;  
Timothy Keogh; Joseph Pollard; Caetano Coutinho; Honey Cooke; Gus Weldon;  
Phyllis Belletty; Joyce Butler; Timothy F Pereira.

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