

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn you ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm response:

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. *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:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

*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.*

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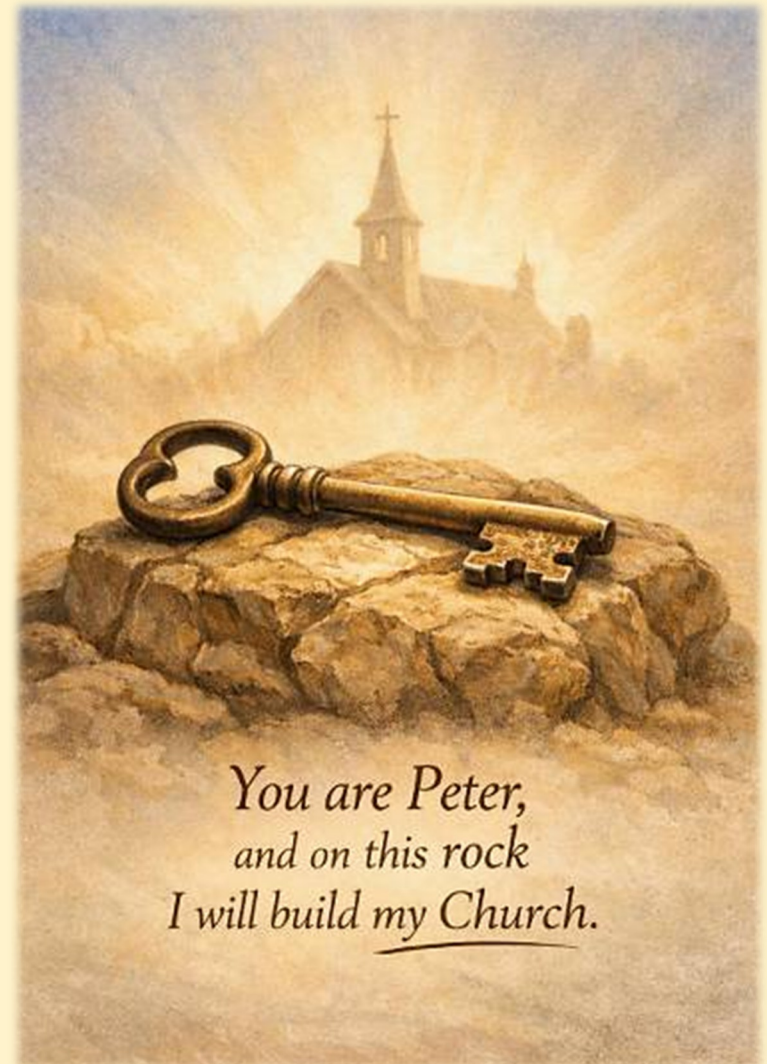
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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time****22/23 August 2026**

*You are Peter,
and on this rock
I will build my Church.*

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

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.

PARISH CONSULTATION - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Over the past few weeks Canon Paul has been visiting all the parishes in our area and he will be holding a consultation here at St Michael's after the 10.30am Mass on 20th September. Canon Paul describes the consultation as being about the 'mercy of parishes and the new parish structure.' The consultation will take place in the church (not in the Hall) and will last no longer than 45 minutes. Please do make every effort to attend as this is of interest and importance to all parishioners. Thank you.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

The presbytery has been unoccupied (and is costing the parish money) since Fr Sharkey's departure, despite efforts to find a tenant. So we are looking to rent the property on the open market, but with the hope a retired priest will take up residence sometime in the future. Please contact Deacon Brian or email the office if you have experience in property letting or if you are interested in renting the house.

AUTUMN COURSES

Canon Paul will recommence his very popular scripture course and will reflect on what St John's gospel reveals about Jesus.

For those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, Fr Tenny will be running a course. Details to follow.

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

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 23rd August 2026

Weekend Celebrant: Revv. Andrew Foster & Colin Blayney

22/23 AUGUST

21ST SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Thanksgiving for a Private Intention
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

29/30 AUGUST

22ND SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Margaret Aldworth, R.I.P.
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 Learmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; T.J. 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:

George Crabb; Sr M. Audrey (Barbara Rebeiro); Winifred Eve James; Jude D'Souza; Tony and Peggy Brennan; Deidre Keogh; Jay Colley; David White; Pam Marsland; Anthony Patrick; Peter Small.

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