

Entrance antiphon:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom: he saved me because he delighted in me.

Psalm response:

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

The Apostles Creed is on page 456.

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:

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have gained for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly. Amen.
(St Richard of Chichester)

Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord most high.

*The newsletter is also available at www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk
If you do not need to take this one home, please do return it to the console at the
back of Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.
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THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Information about the Year of Jubilee can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

**Catholic Parish
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Sonning Common**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 March 2025****THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK****8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Look at the Collect for today as it seems very apt for today's dangerous world.
"Grant us O Lord we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by Your peaceful rule; and that your church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion"

If only this could be so everywhere wouldn't it be wonderful?

Human beings long for peace; however very few receive it because of evil and avaricious people in control. As Christians we try to spread love to all by preaching the gospel as we believe Jesus would want. God loves us infinitely and asks that we love Him and keep His word in return. Hatred is sin but we believe Jesus Christ claimed victory over hatred and death.

This is the message we must live by, but it is so hard when the world around us seems indifferent. Let us concentrate on positivity in the infinite goodness of the majority of people. Christ stands ready beside us.

We can shine steadfastly in the face of the devil, knowing God is with us and has promised to ALWAYS be. His power shines brightly in the world through us and we must

"hold fast to the Word of Life."

Let us persevere even when the world seems angry and full of hatred.
Remember Psalm 92:

"The just one will flourish like the palm tree. And grow like a Lebanon cedar"

My father saw cedars of Lebanon during WW2 when he was stationed in the desert - he had a photo of the Cedars of Lebanon outside the University in Beirut. He often quoted that phrase and I have continued using it as a phrase of hope. God's plan is not our plan. Hope and don't worry but keep praying.

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

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

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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

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

THE PARISH DATABASE - UPDATE THIS WEEKEND

After all Masses you will have the chance to check your details for our database. This information is held securely and only used for Parish business. It was updated last in 2018, so please do take a moment after Mass to check/update your information.

Volunteers will be on hand to help with the process.



THANK YOU!

... to all who bought raffle tickets supporting CIRDIC and The Reading Refugee Centre. Total raised was £201, which will be split between the two charities.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6.30PM, 7 MARCH, SPRINGWATER CHURCH

Join the *wave of prayer* around the globe on this day organised by, and in union with, the Christian Women in the Cook Islands.

Soup and cake will follow the service.



CAFOD BIG LENT WALK - SATURDAY 8 MARCH - 10AM START

Starting from St Anne's in Caversham. See flyers and poster for more details.

LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 14 MARCH

Deborah West, the CAFOD representative in our parish, will make an appeal next weekend for vital funds to support victims of war and poverty.

Lent WALK WITH ME

booklets and calendars are available at the back of the church.

Items for the newsletter can be emailed 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 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 2 March 2025

This weekend we welcome Canon Paul Fitzpatrick at all our Masses

1/2 March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace and Harmony
Sunday	10.30am	Family Mass / Maddy Sharman R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am 7.00pm	Eucharistic Service Holy Hour (1st Monday of the month)
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass (with Ashes)
Ash Wednesday	9.00am 12 noon	Mass St Martin's School (with Ashes) Mass (with Ashes)
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

8/9 March

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Karl Merrett, R.I.P.
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND...for Cathedral Maintenance

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul and consolation of the family of Liz Bouchier who died peacefully last Sunday. May she rest in peace.

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; Fr. Paul Rowan; 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:

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

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; Joyce Butler; Timothy F Pereira; Peter Smith;