

2nd Sunday of Easter

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Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Psalm response:

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. *Alleluia.*

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

After the Bidding Prayers:

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia,
Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia,
For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Lord Jesus, At this blessed Easter time,
we praise You for the triumph of life over death.
Let the radiance of Your Resurrection
fill our hearts with unshakeable joy,
Your peace guide our steps,
and Your love shine through all we do.
Help us carry this Easter light into the world,
so that every heart we touch may know the hope You bring. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

*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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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



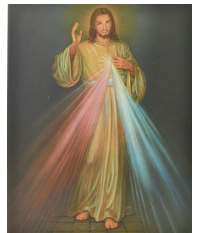
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11/12 April 2026

Traditionally, the Sunday after Easter was called “Low Sunday”. After the self-denial practised during Lent, it is understandable that there was a week of celebration, perhaps even over-indulgence, after the Feast of Easter. “Low Sunday” was therefore an opportunity for more measured, quiet reflection of the Paschal Mystery of our redemption. This mystery releases us from the power of sin. What can we do with this freedom so freely given?

The picture painted in today’s readings show a fellowship within the community of the first believers. Resources were shared and mutual support enabled their faith to grow. Today’s Church started from this small group. Did they think that two thousand years later there would be millions of Christians worldwide?

In the year 2000, St John Paul II added the feast of Divine Mercy to the calendar to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. He was particularly devoted to St Faustina Kowalska, a Polish sister, to whom Jesus appeared during the first half of the twentieth century. Her writings on the subject of Divine Mercy were inspired by these visions. It was through mercy that God gave his only son for our redemption. Mercy is twice blessed, both for those who give and those who receive. We receive mercy from God, how can we “pass it on”?



Can we become agents of God’s mercy in our own communityand beyond? Perhaps during this less frantic season we might find ways to deepen our own faith and spread the mercy of God to others.

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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

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

PLANT SALE IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES

The Thoughtful Living Group is organising a plant sale this weekend: 11th/ 12th April. Plants will be available for sale after every Mass.

LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK - A TALK BY TIM LIVESEY

THIS WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL - 7PM - IN THE CHURCH

Tim recently worked for 3 months as a Human Rights Monitor in Jericho. He will offer fascinating insights into what he witnessed. Do support this if you can.

THE ALPHA COURSE WILL BEGIN 7PM, WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY.

If you and any relatives and friends wish to participate please send a message to stmichael.alphacourse@gmail.com and you will be kept updated.

ST MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB: FIRST MEETING MONDAY 20TH APRIL, 7PM...

in the Griffin Pub, Caversham. All very welcome. Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of the church for more details of this new venture.

THANK YOU SO MUCH... FROM THE FLOWER-ARRANGING TEAM

..for your kind donations to the floral arrangements in our Easter church!

And we have received a lovely letter of thanks from **The Refugee Support Group** for your donations via unused foreign currency in support of their vital work.

OUR GARDENS

New volunteers would be very welcome to join our Gardening Team will be re-commencing tending our gardens at 9.30am this Tuesday 14th April.

PETS' BLESSING SERVICE - SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL - 11AM

This is exactly what it sounds like - any pets, all pets are very welcome (with their humans!) to come along and be blessed by Deacon Brian in a simple and possibly chaotic short service. Spread the word - attendees do not have to be Catholic.

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 12 April 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Paul Martin

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Children of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

18/19 APRIL

Cel: Fr Joseph Murphy

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Kathleen Priest, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	Young People of the Parish YOUTH MASS
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 Bunton; Savanna Clark;
Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth;
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:

Joyce Ashby; Mary Lousley; Elizabeth Toms; Catherine Nevin; John Rixon;
Ron Ryan; Geza Toth; Carol Connell; Fr Robert O'Neill; Fr. Xavier O.F.M.;
Jenny Pereira; Jack Leach; Mary Ann Oattes; Camilio Santana Rodrigues

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