

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

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### Entrance Antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Psalm response:

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

### Acclamation:

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. *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:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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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*



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18/19 April 2026

Last Sunday we heard how Thomas found it hard, if not impossible, to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Who could blame him? John told us that Jesus first appeared to the disciples, on the evening of the first day of the week. Now Luke tells us that on that same evening Jesus was breaking bread with Cleopas and another disciple at Emmaus. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, just as Thomas did when Jesus appeared to his disciples in Jerusalem for a second time, one week later.

For anyone feeling confused, uncertain or fearful – which is likely to be all of us in this rather dark moment in time – both stories should be reassuring. It's ok to be uncertain, especially when you have suffered trauma or loss, as the disciples and Mary and the other women clearly had. When we are grieving or just afraid, we inevitably suffer some cognitive impairment, whether we know it or not. We lose confidence in our judgement. We don't believe what our eyes are telling us.

But given time, helped perhaps by the repetition of familiar rituals, we recover our balance. Memories heal and more life-giving narratives re-establish themselves. Even after the worst of events in our life, all is not lost. Our hearts learn to burn again. Hope is still possible. As the psalmist says - we are not abandoned. In fact it may be when we are most confused or lost that we really begin to understand that Jesus came to show us 'the path of life' and that in His presence we will experience 'the fullness of joy'. Alleluia.

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

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...

for the Clergy Training Fund

### ST MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB:

**FIRST MEETING - THIS 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.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Wednesday 22nd April: 7.30pm on Zoom and Thursday 23rd at 10am in the church  
Zoom Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

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

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.

### YOUR KIND PRAYERS, PLEASE...

...for Krissie's Mum who is poorly. Krissie has been at her side in hospital for a week, and we would like her to know that we are thinking of her and praying for her and her mother, Barbara.

### 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](mailto:stmichael.alphacourse@gmail.com) and you will be kept updated.

### FUNERAL LITURGY - TUESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 11AM

for Patricia and Barrie Parfitt, R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of their souls  
and for the consolation of those who loved them.


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 19 April 2026

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Joseph Murphy

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Kathleen Priest, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Young People of the Parish <b>YOUTH MASS</b>
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass [St George - Patron of England] 
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

### 25/26 APRIL Cels: Revv Andrew Foster & Paul Martin **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
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. Barbara Stitt.  
*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:

Brendan McCarthy; Raymond Taylor; Maurice Bowell;  
Michael Austin MacDermott; Colonel Patrick Francis Gavin Barry;  
Harry Gardner; St George; George Hajdu; Ilona Bakacs; Rima Dwyer;  
Sean Bannon; Julia Welemars and family

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