

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Psalm response:**

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

**Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. *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:**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

*The newsletter is also available at [www.saintmichaelsonningcommon.org.uk](http://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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*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard, Checkendon, Stoke Row,  
Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



The theme for today is **simple**.

Jesus is the Way, The Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

We are urged to be as Christ in this world -whether in the religious life as leaders or as lay people living good lives faithful to what Jesus taught us. We are members of a priesthood of the baptised.

“Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and comfort the sick and dying heedless of caste or faith and as humble helpers.”

Pope Leo has shown us recently how we should respond to bullies and aggressors who try to malign the true meaning of Jesus’s teachings. He responded as Jesus would with love and patience and understanding.

Speaking in Angola this week he encouraged the people to become a country where old divisions are overcome for ever and he denounced “despots and bullies”. Pray fervently that some of the bullies and despots hear Jesus’ call through Pope Leo and other church leaders.

No matter how frightened or disheartened we feel in these troubling times we must shine as Christ in this world. Let the tormented and attacked know we are with them and want Christ’s peace for them.

“Do not be troubled- I will return to you” He told his apostles; and he tells us the same. As the shepherd He will lead us home if we just have faith in His word.

“Though I should walk in the valley in the shadow of death, no evil will I fear for you are with me”

And even to death itself was His promise.

Let us pray with Pope Leo for the whole world to become friends.

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

SECOND COLLECTION next week for the Poor Parishes Fund

### FAMILY MASS AT 10.30AM

Children will take part in a short May procession to the Mary Altar in Church.  
Please give your child one flower to place at the Altar.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church, Stella Fochetti-Campbell,  
who will be baptised after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.  
Her parents were part of our community before moving to Swindon.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Wednesday 6th May: 7.30pm on Zoom and Thursday 7th at 10am in the church  
Zoom Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

### HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS.

We are considering re-introducing the option to receive the Blood of Christ at Holy Communion. To assist planning, could you inform Deacon Brian if in the past you have been commissioned as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY 24TH MAY

Parishioner Yvonne is organising a Spirit-filled celebration of our Universal Church, with readings and music from different parts of the world.  
Please share any ideas with Yvonne.

### CONFIRMATION – SESSIONS (4) BEGIN THURSDAY 21ST MAY AT 5PM

If you would like to include your child (Year 6 and above) in the Confirmation Classes at St Michael's, please contact Mrs Katherine Tilling at  
[Kathtilling1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Kathtilling1@yahoo.co.uk) OR  
Mrs Deborah West at [dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk)

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 3rd May 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

### 2/3 MAY

### 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Helen Williams, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P. <b>FAMILY MASS</b>
Monday [Bank Holiday]	9.30am	Eucharistic Service <i>[No Holy Hour]</i>
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	-	No liturgy

### 9/10 MAY

*Cels: Revv Andrew Foster & Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard O.Carm.*

### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Michael & Mary Hagger, 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 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:

Philip Hoban; George Pascoe; Jean Howarth; Mic Micotti; Anthony Michael Stitt  
Richard John Stitt; Romano Martin Rodrigues; Margaret Bonner Mowbray;  
Mr Benedict Chin Siew Onn; Bernard Coffey; Vincent Gavin; Maggie Monter;  
Beryl Lester; Johnny Warman.

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