

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia

Psalm response:

Let the peoples praise you , O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. *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, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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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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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25 May 2025

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - FROM FR COLIN

‘Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give to you’.

Peace. Everyone seeks it. So few seem to find it. And yet here we have Jesus promising this as one of the marks of an Easter People. I think that the problem can be that we ourselves put quite a few obstacles in the way of us having peaceful hearts - and one of those ways is that we spend so much of our energy living in the future.

It can happen when we subtly, or not so subtly, base our happiness on ‘ifs’ and ‘whens’, when our present gives centre stage away to some ideal future when things will be ‘just so’: the finishing of study, the bigger and better house, the perfect job. Something different for each of us.

The problem of course is that we can’t live in the future, only where we are now. And so perhaps much of the lack of peace of soul that fills our modern life can come from not being able to find the grace in the present, from giving too much of our psychic, spiritual, energy to what isn’t, rather than to what is.

Easter says that there is always grace around us. The problem is that too often we don’t see it, or perhaps we don’t want to see it in the form in which it comes. Human beings want grace as they expected it, in the form that delivers what they want. Which is a recipe for discontentment with how things actually are, a recipe for seeing all the moments on the way to those future plans as grace-less.

We’ve all had the experience of having our eyes so fixed on something in the distance that we trip over what’s right in front of us!

Jesus bequeaths us peace, but perhaps all too often we don’t find it because the wanderlust of our hearts doesn’t allow us to remain in the present and to find the contentment which comes from seeking and being touched by God there.

“Peace I bequeath to you. A peace the world cannot give.” A peace the world cannot give because the world teaches us to look for peace outside ourselves and outside the now. Peace lies in recognising the grace and the presence of God in the present moment, however imperfect it is, because the present moment is the only moment we ever have .

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

BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST

The celebration of Mass at St Martin's School last Wednesday, concluded with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady for the month of May.



THE CELEBRATION OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: THURSDAY 29 MAY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9:30am on Thursday

There will be a **Vigil Mass** at 6:00pm on Wednesday.

This will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. Please send any matters you wish to have discussed at the Meeting to the office email address.

SCRIPTURE COURSE

Fr Colin is offering a series of sessions in order to understand the Scriptures a little more, their origin, and how we work to interpret and draw meaning from them. If you are interested please email Fr Colin via the parish email address this week.

HOLY HOUR 7PM

on Monday, 2 June - the first Monday of the month

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...

for Catholic Communications

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hold in our prayers those who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15th June.

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 25 May 2025

Celebrant: Fr Colin Blayney

24 / 25 May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Dr Terry Worroll, intentions
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Ascension of the Lord
Thursday (Holy Day)	9.30am	Mass: The Ascension of the Lord
Friday	-	No liturgy

31 MAY / 1 JUNE

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Ruth New, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, 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; Mary Hagger; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learmouth;
Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz; Lin Prendergast.

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:

Dan Mulrooney; Raymond Hughes; Nancy Keogh; Joan Selway; Rita Worklex;
Laddie Perl; Peggy Dodd; Patrick Keogh; Eugene Lavalette; Claudina Rodrigues;
Andy Tait; Mary "Jo" Clay; Maurice de Silva; Basil Iwasyki; Brenda Pearce.

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