

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:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

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,

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:

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.

*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*



6th Sunday of Easter

9/10 May 2026

'They received the Holy Spirit'

As we progress through the Easter season, the focus of our Sunday gospels gradually shifts from the resurrection of Jesus to what follows after. On Thursday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. This is a critical moment because Jesus returns to his Father, not as a spirit, but as flesh and blood like us. Where he goes we are invited to follow. Jesus is aware that his departure will leave a void in the lives of his disciples. In today's gospel he makes a pledge to them, and so to us, that they will not be left as orphans. He promises to ask the Father to send another Helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit to be with them and us forever.

In fulfilment of Jesus' promise we first received the Holy Spirit as a gift from the Father when we were Baptised. At our Confirmation the presence of the Holy Spirit in its fullness was reaffirmed when the bishop laid his hands upon us. How often do we think about this precious gift the Father has given to each of us at the request of Jesus? What have I done with this gift? Have I put it in a cupboard and forgotten about it? Or have I unwrapped it and put it in pride of place, allowing its power and influence to grow within in me?

As we move towards Pentecost let us become more aware of the Holy Spirit living within us; to take time to seek the Spirit that dwells within me and ask where He is leading me to fulfil the command of Jesus to love God and neighbour. How is the Spirit asking me to proclaim the Gospel to a disbelieving world? How can I serve and build up the Church and my parish in particular? How am I called to be a peacemaker, comforter, encourager,...?

Come Holy Spirit! Help me to find you and trust you today and always.

Deacon Brian

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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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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: THIS WEEKEND: POOR PARISHES FUND

NEXT WEEKEND: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of The Ascension is celebrated this Thursday. As this is one of the Church's Holydays we are obliged to attend Mass if possible. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7pm and Mass on Thursday at 12 noon.

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

A special celebration of the 10.30am Mass is being planned:

Please see insert and [sign-up sheets](#) for details of involvement and help needed.

PPC MEETING - TUESDAY

Any matters you wish to raise or have discussed, please email the office at:
stmichaels.rc@hotmail.co.uk

GET TOGETHER SUNDAY - HYMNS & HISTORY. 4.30PM, SUNDAY 12TH JULY

More details to come - but save that date in your diary!

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

For details of Classes please contact Mrs Katherine Tilling at
Kathtilling1@yahoo.co.uk OR Mrs Deborah West at dwest@stmartins.reading.sch.uk

Please email Fran [direct](#) with any items for inclusion in the newsletter:

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 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 10th May 2026

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

9/10 MAY

6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Beryl Lester, R.I.P.
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Michael & Mary Hagger, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service HOLY HOUR
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	7 pm	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
Thursday (Holy Day)	12 noon	Mass - The Ascension of the Lord
Friday	9.30	Eucharistic Service

16/17 MAY *Cels: Revv Adrew Foster & Michael Doyle* 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Jesus & Amelia Hernandez, R.I.P. YOUTH MASS
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:

Margaret Mary (Peggy) Grey; Julia and Michael Keogh; Peter Ridge;
Raymond Dockerty; William Kenny; Kenneth Pereira; Patrick Joseph Keogh;
Bill Newman; Eileen Savage; Richard Taylor; Leslie Peach; Mary Scullen;
Kenneth Alfred Dean; Fr. Robert O'Neill O.F.M.; Fr Xavier O.F.M.

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