

Entrance Antiphon:

O lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Psalm response:

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. *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:

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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*



In our First Reading we hear how, after Jesus' Ascension the eleven remaining Apostles went back to the upper room where they were staying. Then they and others, including Mary and the Lord's female followers, devoted themselves to prayer. This small group of disciples grew and grew. In the next verse (v15, which we don't hear this weekend) we are told that Peter stood up among the brothers, and the company was then 120 people.

Sometimes it is easy to be dispirited by the size of our congregations. We look around at Mass and feel that there are only a few of us; perhaps fewer than we think there used to be. If you were to sneak a peak in the little book at the back of church, where the Welcomers record "bums on seats" you would see that, each weekend, we number more than that 120 of the "Faithful" that made up the Church before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. From that small community brought together by faith and prayer has grown a vast number of Christians; currently estimated at 2.65 billion, just under a third of all those living on our planet.

So what...?

Through their faith, their prayer lives, their good works, their sharing of the Good News by word and example; those early believers drew others to Christ. Those few, fired up by the gift of the Spirit, created something enormous, something amazing and something we are all part of: Christ's living body here on earth

We have inherited a legacy. Through the generations the baton of faith has been passed on to you and me. In a way special to each of us, we, like them, have been called to nurture and grow Christ's Church.

How are we going to respond?

A Parishioner

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

St Michael's Hall Hire Tel:01189723418

St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk

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 COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Wednesday 20th May: 7.30pm on Zoom and Thursday 21st at 10am in the church
 Zoom Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS.

If you are a current Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or wish to take on the rôle, please stay after one of the Masses next weekend when an overview and practical demonstrations will be given. Thank you.

PENTECOST - INTERNATIONAL MASS - 10.30AM - SUNDAY 24TH MAY

As you know, we support the Food Bank and CIRDIC with donations throughout the year. We would like a special Offertory Procession at our International Mass next Sunday to include gifts for the poor and vulnerable in our community. If you are able to bring to this Mass any of the items we regularly donate, this would be a wonderful gesture. The following items are always in need: Sugar, tea, instant coffee, long-life milk, cereals, crackers, crisps, toiletries and tins of food.
 Thank you so much for any donations you can bring.

SYNODAL GATHERING - SUNDAY 7TH JUNE AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS

The purpose is to enable us to discern, with the help of the help Holy Spirit, how our parish should move forward. The first two gatherings were very successful and helped the PPC establish its priorities. This time the focus will be: *How can we share our faith with those outside our parish community? What is our role in the Mission of the Church?* It will be led by Canon Paul and is an opportunity for us to listen and reflect. Soup will be served - if a couple of volunteers will offer their culinary skills. To help with numbers please sign up. Volunteers are also needed, please, to take notes. Thank you.

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.sunningcommon@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 17th May 2026

Weekend Celebrants: *Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle*

16/17 MAY

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
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	-	No liturgy
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

23/24 MAY

Cels: Revv Adrew Foster & Michael Doyle

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	International Mass for Pentecost
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:

Kenneth Pereira; Mary Fry; Francis O'Neill; Lissu Savvin; Julia Pearce;
 Mary Smith; Margaret Andrews; Aisling Earley; Jack Graham; Maria O'Connor;
 Brian O'Dowd

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