

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Entrance Antiphon:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Psalm response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. *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:

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height
your refreshing peace bestow.
Come now father of the poor; Come with treasures which endure;
Come, now, light of all that live!
Light immortal, light divine, visit now these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away.
Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill,
guide the steps that go astray.
Now, on us who evermore you confess and you adore,
with your sevenfold gifts descend.
Give us comfort when we die,
give us life with you on high; give us joys that never end.
Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Church after Mass, so that it can be reused. Many thanks.*

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday

8 June 2025

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - FROM FR COLIN

Pentecost – the final and climactic day of the fifty days of Easter. The colour of Pentecost of course is the colour of fire. But perhaps our image of the fire of the Holy Spirit is a bit diminished when we picture little tongues above the heads of the apostles. A more challenging image would be a building being consumed by fire. What was left of it would be destined for demolition. In no time at all, a new building would rise where it once stood.

It's an image which can remind us that Holy Spirit, poured out on us at baptism, at Confirmation, every time we celebrate the Eucharist, and in every day of our Christian life, is meant to consume us, to prepare the ground for the building of something new: a gleaming new creation.

This is the question Pentecost puts before us: does the spiritual fire brigade need to be called because of the fire for mission, for ministry, for community, for relationship with God, lit within us by the Holy Spirit? Or will a small bucket of consumerism, of a too-busy life and over-indulgence in screen-time be enough to extinguish any plans the Spirit may have for us?

We all know the phrase used of someone full of passion: 'there was a fire in her belly.' Is that fire in *our* belly for what being a disciple is about: being part of the building of Christian community, giving of oneself to it? Being part of sharing the Good News that makes us who we are? Sharing it, witnessing to it, radiating it? Being a minister of God's grace, serving, living life for others beyond our own circle, our own family, our own friends? Making God's love tangible to those who need it? Being a voice – and a pair of hands – for justice?

Is there a fire in our belly for those things? The fire of the Holy Spirit?

Fifty days of Easter have passed. Now Ordinary Time begins. Ordinary: Pentecost asks that it be far more than that. Pentecost asks that *we* be far more than that.

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

Second Collection - next weekend - Day For Life

FR COLIN'S SCRIPTURE COURSE

The next session will take place on **Wednesday 18th June** at the two alternatives of 10am and 7pm (both in the church).

TRINITY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the first following the Easter Season, is celebrated as the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity (Trinity Sunday), celebrating the God we experience in the mystery of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

We are looking for parishioners who would like to become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to assist Deacon Brian taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. For safeguarding purposes a DBS check is required. Please speak to Fr Colin or Deacon Brian.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We are seeking someone to take over this rôle from Mary Lewis who has served the parish in this capacity for a number of years. It is not a demanding rôle but requires liaison with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and occasional on-going training. Speak to Fr Colin or Deacon Brian

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 15TH JUNE

Our prayers go with the young people of our parish who will receive First Holy Communion at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday

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 8 June 2025

Weekend Celebrant: Fr Colin Blayney

7 / 8 June

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Kenneth Hancock, RIP
Monday	-	No Liturgy
Tuesday	-	No liturgy
Wednesday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

14 / 15 JUNE

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	First Holy Communion Mass
Confessions		Available before and after each of the weekend Masses
Sacrament of the Sick		On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418

Please pray for the soul of Lin Prendergast who died last weekend, and for the consolation of those who loved him. May he rest in peace.

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.

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:

Maureen Burke; Hugh Gilmartin; Sabastian Franciso; Fr Tony Milledge; Stanley Francis Robinson; Al Terry; Bobby Alston; Arthur Burns; Eric Wright; Seta Goode; Mrs A King; Bridget Mc Donnell RIP; Stanley Smith; Ena Wilson; Elizabeth Allison; Janine Corie; Ron Theobald; Brian Bird; Michael and Julia Keogh; Lily Weegan; Lin Prendergast.

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