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Entrance Antiphon:

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet. And on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Psalm response:

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. *Alleluia.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After the Bidding Prayers:

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left unaided.
Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins.
To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward
save that of knowing that we do your holy will. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty
has done great things for me.

*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*



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She rises in quiet grace, drawn toward the light that has always held her.
The moon rests beneath her feet, the stars gather at her brow,
and Creation itself seems to lift with her.
In her Assumption we glimpse our own hope — the promise
that every faithful “yes” is already a step towards glory.

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.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

The presbytery has been unoccupied since Fr Michael Sharkey's departure. Efforts have been made to find a retired priest to take up residence, but this has been unsuccessful. Since the presbytery is costing the parish money in terms of council tax, utility bills etc, we are looking to rent the property on the open market, via a local estate agent, but with the hope a retired priest will take up residence sometime in the future. The diocese supports this plan. If any parishioners have experience in property letting we would be very grateful for any help and advice you can give.

Email the parish office or Deacon Brian.

If you might be interested in renting the property do get in touch.

AUTUMN COURSES.

Canon Paul will recommence his very popular scripture course and will reflect on what St John's gospel reveals about Jesus. For those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, Fr Tenny will be running a course. *Details to follow soon.*

PAROCHIAL WEEKEND (25th - 27th September) Keep the Dates Free!

Bishop Richard will be making his visit, there will be a number of events and opportunities to gather prayerfully and socially,

Also, we will be holding our annual **Craft and Produce Sale** during that weekend.

If you would like to make something to sell, we would be delighted:

everything from Jams to Jewellery - very welcome! Thank you.

PPC MEETING: MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

Any ideas or comments please email the office or pop them in the suggestion box.

ALAN SKINGSLEY - R.I.P.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Alan, who died last week, and for the consolation of his wife, Sue, and of all those who loved him.

Please send any Items for the newsletter to 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 15th August 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

15/16 AUGUST

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass David Hampson, R.I.P.
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

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21ST SUNDAY IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	World Peace
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; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Cian Murphy;

Carmelina Imperato; Terry Mc Goldrick.

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:

Annie May; Dennis Page; Arthur Burge; Dennis Page; Doris Rene; Eva Abraham; Keith Milton Davey; Ronald Jabez Herbert; Isabel Carvalho; Rita Conlon; Huberta Kingsbury; Maria Szymanska

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