

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalm response:

O that today you would listen to its voice! 'Harden not hearts.'

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. *Alleluia!*

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

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...

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:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

*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.*



**Catholic Parish
of St Michael's
Sonning Common**

*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,
Checkendon, Stoke Row, Emmer Green
and Caversham Park*

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5 October 2025

The 1st reading this Sunday shows that frustration with war and violence is timeless.

We see awful sights on the news every day and it is difficult to understand how these scenes of death and destruction can go on in various parts of the world. What can we do?

At such a distance from these conflicts we must redouble our prayers for their resolution.

Our Faith can sustain us and we can Hope that God will prevail... in the end.

We **can** make a difference in places closer to home. It was so uplifting to see parishioners and other people within and beyond the parish coming together to celebrate our patronal weekend.

Marlena's speech at the AGM highlighted all the efforts of the last year to improve the quality of life in the local area. The generosity of the people of St Michael's never disappoints. The craft and produce sale displayed the huge range of talents that we all have to produce beautiful things.

The decorative flowers, the uplifting singing and the care taken in the upkeep of the church illustrate how we, as a Parish, employ our diverse gifts for the benefit of others.

Long may this continue!

A Parishioner

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

Most Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: FOR WORLD PEACE

We will pray the Rosary together after some of our weekday liturgies. Next weekend we will host the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from St Edmund Campion Church, Watlington to aid our devotions.

GIFT AID REBATE

We have recently received the Gift Aid rebate of £9788 for the last tax year, a good increase on the previous year. Many thanks are due to all parishioners who gift aid. We also received the maximum permissible (£1995) through a claim on the 'loose change' collection via the plate and non-gift aided 'TapnGo' donations.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION COURSE WITH CANON PAUL

Our reflection on St Mark's Gospel continues this week.

Two options available: Wed. 8th at 7.30pm on Zoom. -

Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

Thurs. 9th at 10am in the church. The Reflections will continue fortnightly.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 3rd.

Please take a CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation, or give on the CAFOD website. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters around the world.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: SYNODAL ASSEMBLY LED BY CANON PAUL After the 10.30am Mass on 19th October...

... we will continue the listening process (started by Fr Colin).

A light lunch will be served. Please sign up to help with numbers for catering.

2nd Collection next weekend: APF World Mission Sunday

I.T. HELP

We are still seeking some help with rejuvenating our parish website. If you have any experience at all in this area, do 'click' in the direction of Deacon Brian!

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 5 October 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Virginia Stungo, RIP
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service HOLY HOUR
Tuesday	12noon	Mass
Wednesday	2.15pm	Harvest Mass at St Martin's - all welcome
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

11 / 12 OCTOBER *Cel.: Revv M. Doyle & A Foster* 28TH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Kathleen & Brian Morgan - 65th Wedding Anniv.
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, Richard Szulc; Rosalyn Thomas; Daniel Carroll.
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:

Joe Ashby; Helen Cunningham; George Hajdu; Deacon Patrick Selwood;
Annie Fallows; Enid Wilton; Vera Martin; Mrs F Rodrigues;
Andrew Selwood; Eileen Milne

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