

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for 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 rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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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
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Sonning Common**

*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard,
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and Caversham Park*

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER****28th Sunday in Ordinary Time****11/12 October 2025**

Today's readings are about affliction and suffering - Namaan, the ten lepers, and even St Paul, are all afflicted in body or mind. At the time it was common for people to ask what wrong had been done, perhaps by a previous generation, for suffering to be inflicted on an individual, a family or a people. Physical suffering was seen as a punishment for sin. To be met with judgement and social exclusion, not empathy and solidarity.

Thank goodness we aren't like that any more! Except that if we look at some of our attitudes, for example to migration, homelessness, mental health or gender dysphoria it is easy to feel that many age-old discriminations are alive and well. It is too easy for us to equate suffering with a failure of some kind. Rather than to recognise suffering and affliction as part of our human condition. Something we will all face, and therefore something which should elicit a deep desire in us to empathise, and be of support when experienced by others.

Jesus' desire to heal those who were afflicted and who turned to him for love, for support and for a new beginning is evident in so many gospel stories we hear on Sundays, today included. There is a lot for us to reflect on when we read these stories. We will each bring our own insights.

On this occasion when I hear Jesus saying it is your faith that has saved you I find myself thinking he might be referring not just to the lepers' faith in Him, but also to their faith in themselves and in the possibility of a new beginning, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Their affliction is no fault of their own. It is not a judgement. It can be rectified. We might call this belief hope. Jesus seems to be saying that if we hope, even in the worst of situations, He will not fail to respond.

Tim Livesey

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 have the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from St Edmund Campion, Watlington with us for this weekend only.

On Sunday at 4pm, there will be an opportunity to pray the rosary together in front of this statue for peace and our personal intentions. Families with children are very welcome, as are those not used to praying the rosary. If required, a short introduction will be given.

Tea/Coffee will be served after our rosary devotion.

SYNODAL ASSEMBLY LED BY CANON PAUL

After the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 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 .

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—SPECIAL COLLECTION

This is the Holy Father's charity for world missions. Donations go directly to missionaries, local churches and communities most in need in areas of great poverty, conflict and turmoil. There will be a cash collection and leaflets with details of other ways to contribute.

7PM, MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY

All are invited to a service (not Mass) on this day where we will commemorate our family and friends who have died. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one in the last two years. Special candles will be provided for the occasion.

Please bring a photo of you loved one(s) if you wish.

A BIG THANK YOU...

...to the Gardening Team for all their hard work in keeping the Church gardens and surrounding areas tidy and in good order this year. The team is now taking a well-earned rest for the Winter. If you would like to join them next Spring please do email the office or speak to Keith May. No experience necessary.

If you would like to receive the Archdiocese weekly newsletter you can sign up at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news>

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 12 October 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

11 / 12 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Kathleen & Brian Morgan - 65th Wedding Anniv.
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	-	No liturgy
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

18 / 19 OCTOBER

Cel.: Fr Andrew & Canon Paul

29TH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish <i>Mass followed by Synodal Assembly</i>
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

Mary Andrews; Sylvia Adams; Stephen Boyle; Thomas Butler; Nigel Hester; Peter Holding; Molly (Mary Francis) Morgan; James Enright; Florentia Pollock; Jane Raynard; Gregorio D'Silva; Rosy Maria Lucia D'Silva; John Edwards; Winifred Dougan; Jimmy Enright; George Freeman; Eric Gillett; Pat Hurst Harris; Teresa Carter; Jane Webb.

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