

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Entrance Antiphon:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

Psalm response: In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Alleluia!*

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

After the Bidding Prayers:

Holy Mother of God, in silence and peace
you have carried and given birth to He who bears all:
be our guide on the path to Nativity,
so in celebrating the birth of your son, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
our hearts will be filled with joy and hope. Amen

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have gained for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly. Amen. *(St Richard of Chichester)*

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise, and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy
which comes to you from God.

*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*



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6/7 December 2025

The picture painted in the first reading from Isaiah is a wonderful vision of the Kingdom presided over by the Messiah.

A far cry from the conflict, war and starvation across many regions of our world today and indeed that of the people of Judaea who came to listen to John the Baptist. They experienced military occupation, extortion and cruelty.

John was not a diplomat. He did not dress to please or mince his words and his message was clear. From the highest to the least, the preparation for the reception of the promised Messiah was change or repentance. John was certain of the imminence of His coming and his message was that there was not a moment to lose.

During Advent it is easy to adopt an attitude of expectation of the joy of Christmas. It is much harder to commit to doing our part to make the world more just for everyone. We are called to show by our lives that the Gospel values of love, justice, mercy and peace are not just words but a means to bringing about the Kingdom by our actions.

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 : for the Poor Parishes Fund.

THREE BAPTISMS

After the 10.30 Mass this Sunday Deacon Brian will baptise

Craig and Alby Mann and Chukwuma Ukanwa.

We welcome them warmly into the Church and our Parish.

May God bless them and their family.

ADVENT REFLECTION: THE THREE COMINGS OF JESUS

Wednesday at 7pm in the church

Deacon Brian will be exploring the coming of Jesus at Bethlehem, His coming at the end of time, and His coming between those two events.

A Huge THANK YOU...

...to all of you who came with sleeves rolled up and elbows greased and made such a wonderful job of cleaning our church, in readiness for Christmas.

We all promise to wipe our feet before we enter the church...

ADVENT TREE: GIFTS FOR SICK AND ELDERLY PARISHIONERS AND CIRDIC

Please take a card from the tree, buy the gift described, wrap it, attach the label and leave your gift under the tree by 21st December - at the very latest.

Thank you for your kind support.

Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes?

Are you a healthcare professional ? Would you consider donating your time and expertise? If you would like to try something new please consider joining us on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage. You will make a real difference.

For details, please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage

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 7 December 2025

Weekend Celebrants: Fr Andrew Foster & Fr Michael Doyle

6 / 7 DECEMBER

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr A)

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Ches Black – 100th Birthday
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday FAMILY MASS	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service Advent Holy Hour
Tuesday	-	No liturgy (Deanery Meeting)
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

13 / 14 DECEMBER

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr A)

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Mgr Freddie Miles, RIP (anniversary of birth)
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Souls
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 Larmouth; Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz; Richard Szulc; 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:

Zemica Priscilla Fernandes; David Bourne; Roger Carroll; Mr and Mrs Myers; Joan Woodward; Lesley Farquhar; Gwen Payne; John and Fiona Gallagher; Kitty and Henry Jackubizyn; Sheila Mary Westcar; Fr John Ellis; Mat and Chris Fagen and family; Rita and Owen Walter; Sue Carey; Sophia Carikas; Angela Fung; Sophia Graham; Stanislaus Rozdolski.

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