

Palm Sunday

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Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Psalm response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. *Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

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

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail Mary...

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Heavenly Father,
In this sacred season of Lent,
I come before You with a humble heart,
seeking renewal, forgiveness, and grace.
Teach me to walk in the footsteps of Christ,
to embrace sacrifice with joy,
and to love others with patience and mercy.
Cleanse my soul from all that draws me away from You,
and fill me with the light of Your truth.
Through the cross, lead me to the glory of the Resurrection,
so that, renewed in spirit,
I may proclaim Your love to the world.
I make my prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

*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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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news>

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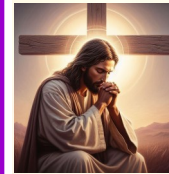
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*Sonning Common, Dunsden, Peppard, Checkendon, Stoke Row,
Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



**Remember British Summer Time begins this weekend:
Clocks go FORWARD one hour.**



Palm Sunday

28/29 March 2026

**Immerse yourself in
Holy Week**

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday (30th March) - 7pm - with visiting priests available to hear confessions.

GOOD FRIDAY

10am - Sonning Common Walk of Witness
12 noon - Stations of the Cross for Families/Children
7pm - Stations of the Cross

PASSION PLAY IN READING,

FORBURY GARDEN, 2.00PM, 3RD & 4TH APRIL.

This FREE event is highly recommended. Take a chair/blanket to sit on.
For details: www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD: HOLY SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL - 10AM

Fr Michael Doyle has kindly agreed to bless our Easter food, as is the custom in some countries. Please do bring your Easter eggs and/or other food items.

EASTER ART EXHIBITION

We are continuing to strengthen our links with St Martin's Primary School and an Easter Art Exhibition has been running, inviting the children to explore the theme, 'What does Easter mean to me?'

Their artwork will continue to be exhibited until Sunday 19th April.

CROSS AND BANNER

*With thanks to those who arranged these, we pray that passers-by may notice them
and be prompted to think about Easter and perhaps join us for our liturgies.*

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.

A MESSAGE FROM DOWN UNDER - FR COLIN BLAYNEY WRITES:

As we enter into Holy Week on opposite sides of the world, my thoughts and prayers are with you all in the beautiful community at St Michael's. I still treasure my memories of being with you. I pray that the Easter celebrations will bring you a renewal in faith, hope and love, both individually and as a parish community.

ALPHA COURSE

Sufficient help has been offered to run the course, beginning Wednesday 6th May.
 Details to follow. You can express your interest at
stmichael.alphacourse@gmail.com

LIFE IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK - A TALK BY TIM LIVESEY WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL - 7PM - IN THE CHURCH

Tim recently worked for 3 months as a Human Rights Monitor in Jericho. He will offer fascinating insights into what he witnessed. Do support this if you can.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Your Offerings will be divided between Fr Andrew and Fr Michael,
 who generously serve us each weekend.

OUR GARDENS

The wonderful team of Gardening Volunteers will be re-commencing their TLC of
 our gardens at 9.30am on Tuesday 15th April.
 New volunteers would be very welcome. A coffee break is included!

ST MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB

Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of the church for details of this new venture.
 The Book club has its first meeting on Monday, 20th April at 7pm
 in the Griffin Pub, Caversham. All very welcome.

A REMINDER: There's a box at the back of the church for...
 Your kind donations towards the cost of Easter flowers for our church.



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.sinningcommon@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 29 March 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

28/29 MARCH

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Ruth New, R.I.P.	
Sunday	9.00am	Joan Godfrey, R.I.P.	
Sunday	10.30am	Stephen Aldworth & Cotter Family Dec'd, R.I.P.	
Monday	9.30am 7pm	Eucharistic Service - <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Penitential Service</i>	
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass - <i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	
Wednesday	-	No liturgy	
Maundy Thursday	7pm	Mass and Watching at the Altar of Repose <i>until 10pm</i>	
Good Friday	3pm	Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord	

4/5 APRIL

Celebrant: Fr Michael Doyle

EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Saturday Vigil	8pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday	9.00am	Mgr Freddie Miles, R.I.P. (<i>anniversary at this time</i>)
Easter Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
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; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learnmouth;
 Dominic Sakrouge; Peppin Sanz, Daniel Carroll; TJ.

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:

Sarah Bardon; Mary Gardner; Liam Treacey; Kevin Cotter; Eileen Foley;
 Cedric Baring-Gould; Joseph Anthony Melling; Mary Burns; Derek Graham;
 Flora Bradley; Gerry Buck; Bernard Lobo; Jim Roginski.

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