

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Psalm response:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. *Alleluia.*

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

After the Bidding Prayers:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile show unto us
the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

May He support us all the day long,
'til the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in His mercy, may He give us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

*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*

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

12/13 Sept. 2026

We can all look back on our lives and recognise particular events that were destined to influence and shape our futures. Perhaps the school I was sent too, the college or university I chose to attend, my choice of employment, the relationships I chose to develop or end. Could any of us have predicted that these events would lead to us to where we are today?

A parish community has its own life and history marked by significant events, reflecting the aspirations and vision of the people present at the time. The first significant event for St Michael's was the purchase of land in Sonning Common in 1946 because of the vision of the parish priest of Caversham, Father Michael Williams. In 1947 the first building was constructed and Holy Mass was celebrated in the church dedicated to St Michael the Archangel. In 1955 St Michael's became an independent parish with its own parish priest. Parish life changed again when in the early 1960's the current hall and church were constructed. The final significant change to parish life was in 1977 when the parish boundaries were altered to incorporate Emmer Green and Caversham Park Village. As a consequence the parish acquired its own primary school. This gave us the parish we recognise today.

Almost 50 years have passed and circumstances related to the practice of our Catholic faith are changing. As a parish we are aware of how these changes are beginning to touch us, most notably no longer having our own parish priest. Yet many people are taking responsibility to ensure the life of the parish continues to thrive in its spiritual, charitable and social activities. It is safe to say that we are at another significant point in the life of the parish and decisions made today will shape our future.

I do urge you to attend the Parish Consultation next Sunday, 20th September after the 10.30am Mass. First, to listen to a vision of how we, along with the other parishes in South Oxfordshire, can continue to fulfil the mission of the Catholic Church in this area to bring Jesus to those who do not know him. Then to ask questions or express our concerns. As a Catholic community we have the confidence that we are not alone as we look to the future. As St Paul said in the second reading. "*Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*" Let us pray and trust that He will guide us along the right path.

Deacon Brian

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.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND : CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION

PARISH CONSULTATION - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - AFTER THE 10.30 MASS

Please do make every effort to attend this very important Consultation.
The future of our parish is surely of great importance to you?

APOLOGIES FROM FR COLIN

I am very sorry for getting the time of the Vigil Mass wrong last Saturday. I turned up at 5:50 thinking Mass was at 6pm and forgetting that it was at 5:30pm. I apologise to all who were inconvenienced. I was at least able to celebrate Mass with those who stayed in hope that I'd arrive! It was lovely to be with them but I had been so looking forward to being with the whole congregation and was disappointed to let you down. Apart from that it was lovely to have several opportunities to be back with you at St Michael's during my holidays this year and I hope to be able to do that (at the correct time!) on my next visit. *Fr Colin*

PRESBYTERY CLEARANCE - EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Many people viewed the presbytery last weekend and many items taken or reserved. Donations for the items can be made into the Building Fund by card using the card reader in the church. Alternatively a cheque or cash in an envelope marked Building Fund is acceptable. If you want to see what items are left please ask for access.
Information will be provided when the property is ready to be let.

SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH CANON PAUL ON ST JOHN'S GOSPEL

First session 10am, Friday 25th Sept. and continuing fortnightly.

PATRONAL WEEKEND 25-27 SEPTEMBER

The weekend coincides with a visit by our area bishop, Richard Walker. Please see the posters at the back of the church for details of the many events which have been organised for us all on our Patronal Feast.
There's a Sign up sheet for the shared FREE lunch on Sunday 27th ALL welcome.
Tickets for the Chilli and Quiz Night are now available. Payment can be made by Dona or in cash, please. On the Quiz sign-up sheet let us know whether you would like a meat or vegetarian chilli for catering purposes. Thank you.

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 13 Sept. 2026

Weekend Celebrant: Rev. Michael Doyle

12/13 SEPT.

24TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday	10.30am	Alan Skingsley, R.I.P. [recently deceased]
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	-	No liturgy
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

19/20 SEPT.

25TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	World Peace
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.30am	For a positive and hopeful Parish Consultation
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 Buntun; 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:

Joan Bredon; Donald Andrews; Johnny Gaudencio; Freda Miller; Esther Roman; Zambrano; Seraphrno Antao; Helenor Kizer; Minnie Tillotson; Winnie Hickey; John Warman; Florence Ada Gibbons; Arnold Fox.

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