

Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm response:

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. *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:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low. keeping your statutes.

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

26/27 Sept. 2026

**Joyful blessings to all our parishioners
and friends as we celebrate this weekend
the Feast of our Patronal Saint,
whose feastday falls on Tuesday.**

May St Michael guide and protect us all.



Most of us will remember in our school days shouting “Me first” or “My turn!” And our teachers and parents often reminding us to let someone else have a go - or go before us. As we grew up we tried to temper our seemingly inbuilt self-centred impulses with consideration for others. But it seems we need frequent reminders of this.

In our Second Reading this week, from Philippians, we are urged to:

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves.

The Greek word *tapeinophrosyné* means humility, lowliness of mind, modesty. We are being encouraged to practise humility and lowliness, rather thinking first of *our* needs, *our* reputation, and putting over *our* opinions.

The Christian author CS Lewis puts it across in a way which many find helpful: *“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.”*

Fr Gerard W Hughes SJ in his book *Walk to Jerusalem* writes about the laughter of God and puts over the importance of laughing at ourselves. Catching ourselves being silly, pompous or ridiculous, helps make us more humble and less egotistical.

As the Reading continues:

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Jesus Christ.

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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.

PATRONAL WEEKEND 25-27 SEPTEMBER

We welcome Bishop Richard Walker for his Parish Visitation.

Please refer to the posters and notices at the back of the church giving details of the events this weekend.

SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH CANON PAUL ON ST JOHN'S GOSPEL

Begins 10am, Friday 2nd Oct. in the church. Zoom 7.30pm Thursday 1st.

Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423. A wonderful opportunity to hear and appreciate the message of St John's Gospel.

CAKE AND COFFEE! - SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER (AND EVERY MONTH) - AFTER 10.30 MASS

As this is a fundraiser for Project 80, we suggest a £1 donation per coffee/tea and £2 per cake - we have been promised some very special cupcakes in October. If you can help, please speak to Marlena and we may be able to sell cakes at the other Masses too!

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

Traditionally we say the rosary after the weekday liturgies during October. However it would be good to have a few opportunities to come together as parish, including the children and our young people. For some it might be an opportunity to discover or rediscover this powerful prayer. Would 4pm on Sunday be a good time?

Please let me know. Deacon Brian.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ?

If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or are interested in becoming a Catholic, Fr Tenny will be running a course in the autumn. Please contact the parish office, or Deacon Brian for more details

PARISH CONSULTATION

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Consultation and ask many important questions. In summary: as part of the Archbishop's vision for the diocese, we are likely to be one of several churches in a new parish of St Birinus stretching from Caversham to Thame. Pastoral care will be shared by all the priests, administration will be simplified but individual churches will maintain their local character and activities. Initially we are unlikely to notice any difference but adjustments in the medium and long term will be more manageable.

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 26 Sept. 2026

Weekend Celebrant: Bishop Richard Walker

26/27 SEPT.

26TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Martin Leigh-Field, R.I.P./Selwood Family Intentions
Sunday	9.00am	June Godfrey, R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Sunday	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass [Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael]
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Mass (with Canon Paul, pre Scripture Course)

3/4 OCTOBER

27TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Patricia Miles R.I.P. (Anniversary)
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; 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:

Frank Pearce; Wendy Pearce; Alf Wade; Lesley Archard; Audrey Belletty; Harry Kerr; Freda Miller; Thomas Mullaniff; Francis George Pearce; Gwenda New; June Godfrey; Michael O'Neil; Harold Clifford.

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