

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me..

Psalm response: Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. 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. Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine..

*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

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time****17/18 October 2026**

The gospel reading this weekend describes the efforts of two groups of Jews who were usually opposed to each other working together to discredit Jesus.

The Herodians were compliant with the Roman occupation and sought to maintain their elite position within society. The Pharisees were strict adherents to the Jewish law and regarded the Roman occupation as a barrier to the establishment of a purely religious Jewish state.

The question was designed to provoke a response which could be seen as either condoning insurrection to Rome or denying Jewish law.

His answer was very clever, bypassed the question posed and concentrated instead on the image portrayed on the coinage. The image of Caesar represented commerce and wealth. Rich and influential people will try to reinforce their privileged position and cultivate an image of success.

However, we are made in God's image, and this is the important one. Is this image the one that other people experience when they encounter us?

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
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Tel: 0118 901 5544 Website: www.stmartinsscaversham.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: streaming links can be found on our website.

WORLD MISSION DAY

Next weekend we welcome Sisters from The Daughters of Divine Love, an African Missionary Order. They will appeal on behalf of **Misso**. Envelopes are available.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

Whenever possible, the Rosary will be prayed after our weekday liturgies.
The Rosary will also be prayed at 4pm on Sunday 18th October in the presence of a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

PRESBYTERY UPDATE

The presbytery will soon be ready to let as an unfurnished property. If you, or anyone you know might be interested please contact Tony Barry who is kindly overseeing things for us: agb@laughingsun.co.uk

FOODBANK

The local foodbank that we support is always looking for packers and drivers to deliver to clients. There will soon be trials of a new initiative where clients are invited to collect their bags, stay for coffee and cake and chat with volunteers. It is hoped this might help them become less reliant on the foodbank. If you feel called to help in any capacity, please email Deacon Brian.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: Friday 23rd October 10am

Thurs 22nd at 7.30pm on Zoom Meeting ID 847 7279 9050. Passcode: 034423

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8TH NOVEMBER

Would anyone be willing to lay a wreath on behalf of the parish at the 11am Kidmore End Remembrance Service? Please contact Deacon Brian.
At 2pm there will be annual blessing of graves at Kidmore End cemetery.

SCREENING OF THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School on 9th November at 7.00pm.
It is a free event, but you need a ticket - search SoCo36 tickets, Eventbrite. The 50min film features experts speaking about the challenges of climate change. A must see.

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 17/18 October

29th Sunday in O.T.

Weekend Celebrants: Revv. Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Aida Czajka, R.I.P. (recently deceased)
	10.30am	Stephen Aldworth & Cotter Family dec'd, R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Mass <i>[followed by Scripture Course]</i>

24/25 October

30th Sunday in O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Bernice Dawson
	10.30am	People of the Parish

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 Learmouth;
Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Cian Murphy;
Carmelina Imperato.

.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:

Teresa Carter; Jane Webb; Phyllis Kiely; Jessie McGinn; Jill Frildo;
Alan Waller; Marnie Cotter; Bill Rodgers; Michael and Francis Coffey;
Raymond Enright; Leonard Godfrey; Peter Gerard Smyth; Gilbert Dodd;
Pam Kizer

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