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*Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle,
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7/8 DECEMBER 2024

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	Michael Derrick RIP (T&MA)	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor
Sunday	9.30am	Ron Hopkin's Anniversary (JH)	<i>Please join us for our coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am 2.00pm	Bernadette & Family 'Special Intention' (ML) Funeral Mass of Maria Plant	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am	Alan King RIP	<i>Rosary after 9.30am Mass</i>
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	Eileen Dean & Family 'Special Intention' (ML) Adoration	
Friday	9.30am	Carol Shaw RIP (LK)	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm, Wednesday after Mass and on request.

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who

are sick: Dave Hall, Paddy Kearney, Keith Padwick, Denise Caruana, Chris Romanek, Alan Roberts, Anna Thompson, Mike and Jess Donlevy, C S Reynolds, T L Mallillin, Tony Holley, Jon Webb, Peter T, Deirdre Hussey, Tim & Claire Key, Geoffrey Clark, David Jarman, Brian Johnstone, Sue Dixon, Susan B, Cathy H, Michael Lambe, Antoinette McLaughlin, Robert Gibson, Lucie Elliott, Leslie Sarcoe, Joan Nixon, Pat Fitzpatrick, Seamus Lardner, Peter Goldsworthy, Anne Jewson, Joan Worthington, Mary Wilson, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Leilia Murray, Alan King, Rose DeMello, Carol Shaw, John Moore, Catherine Arnold, Joan Cox **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Nora Hussey, Tony Wright, Ron Rossi, Ron Hopkins, Fr Ted Bell, Harry Ward, Maureen Parsons, Jane Butterworth, Sunna Jarman, Mary Munnelly, Margaret Garwell.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Pound a Week: £50

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish in November

Offertory (Plate, DCP, Standing Orders): £2686.19

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Our weekend Masses and the Tuesday Holy Communion Service are being Live Streamed and Recorded. These are available for 7 days on our YouTube channel [St Michael's Catholic Church Worthing](#). Please note that you will appear in the live stream/recording if you are serving on or stand on the sanctuary/altar at any time or sit in the benches behind the reader's lectern. Please ensure you give consent for any children

visible in the recording by signing a parental consent form which can be found in the entrance foyer and on our [website](#). Please hand completed forms to Father Chris.

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

We have a car park at the rear of our church which you are encouraged to use, to keep good traffic access in Hayling Rise for our neighbours, buses, and emergency vehicles. Please keep

visibility on our driveway clear by not parking close to the entrance either on the driveway or on Hayling Rise. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative advises that, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines, until we have DBS checked volunteers to run Children's Liturgy, then a **parent/guardian must attend with their child** and ensure they take responsibility for them during that time. Any parishioners who would like to join the liturgy rota, please speak to Fr Chris.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year at the 11am Mass on Sunday 22nd June, please would you email your details to the Parish Office, and we will be in touch when our programme is finalised.

CONFIRMATION 2025

If you are in Year 10 or above and would like to be Confirmed next year on Sunday 25th May in Arundel Cathedral, please would you email your details to the Parish Office and we will be in touch, as we begin to prepare the programme for next year.

FR PETER'S CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

Fr Peter has travelled back to his current parish base of Maliki. Now the work for the Christmas meal begins. Teams of people will be assembled to take responsibility for various aspects of the meal. Meat, rice, vegetables, fruit, juice and more will be sourced and bought. The confirmation candidates will be recruited to cook and serve it on Christmas Day. Games will be planned. And on Christmas Day itself Fr Peter will sit surrounded by several hundred village children and tell them the Christmas story. It's a very special day and Fr Peter will be very grateful for your support. The whole day will cost a lot of energy and time - and a lot of money. The meal is open to all the village children. Whatever money is left over will be used to buy second hand clothing, blankets and mosquito nets to be distributed to the poorest. Elderly grandparents may also be served a helping of this festive meal. Your support will make all this possible. *Many thanks, Jan and John.*

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION – ST MICHAEL'S

On **Sunday 15th December** we warmly invite you to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Service of Reconciliation at 3pm, in preparation for Christmas. See the poster by the water stoop for the dates of other Advent Reconciliation Services being held in our Deanery.

ASSISTED DYING BILL – Statement from Bishop Richard

'In the wake of the [vote in Parliament](#) on Friday, in favour of the "Assisted Dying Bill", may I take this opportunity to thank all those who have written to MPs in recent weeks, alerting them to the dangers inherent in a vote in favour of the Bill, calling for increased levels of support for resources for palliative care, and for protection for the dignity of every person, at every stage in life. There is much that we can do before this Bill becomes law and continuing the call for compassion, proper availability and resourcing for palliative care, proper provision for conscientious objection for medical professionals, and protection for hospices and care homes, will be vital in the months ahead.

Let us keep in prayer all those who will be already feeling fearful as a result of this vote, their loved ones, and all who care for them.' The full statement, together with a statement from The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales (CBCEW), can be read on the A&B website [here](#).

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Would you like to think that your Christmas card to your friends at St Michael's could also help people in the developing world? For the fourteenth year the parish CAFOD group would like to invite you to take one of the cards on the CAFOD display stand, **sign** on the **front** of and **fix** it onto the display in the entrance hall between now and Christmas day. Put the money that you would have spent on your cards to parishioners into the jar. Or donate via 'CAFOD Cards' on the card machine or our website. The total money raised will be used to buy one (or more) of the CAFOD World Gifts. Look on the display in the entrance to see what your money could help to buy. Last year the parish gave £136 and that was used to buy two goats, two sets of chirpy chickens, water for a family, a school starter pack and the means to teach someone to read. Please, everyone, look at the display each week to see the good wishes of your friends here at St. Michael's.

Many thanks, St. Michael's CAFOD group

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS – 'GIVING TREE'

Winter, and especially Christmas, is a really difficult time for those who find themselves homeless with nowhere to go. Turning Tides, our local homelessness charity, provides a meal, gifts and festive cheer to the homeless, with the help of volunteers and staff. If you would like to provide a gift, please select one of the tags from the tree for a present idea, or you are welcome to donate a cafe gift card so that the homeless can choose something for themselves. Please do not wrap the gifts. More details can be found beside the tree in the foyer, with a box beneath for your gifts. I will collect donations up to and including **Sunday 15th December**. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

SVP

We need your help to put the boxes together on the **14th December** from 9.30am and to make up the hampers on the **15th December** from 10am, at St Oscar Romero School. If anyone requires a lift from St Michaels, please contact Sheila, (Tel: 07393903838) and she will arrange it. Also, on the Sunday after the hampers have been filled, we will need a few helpers to deliver to the schools, as Keith will be unable to lift for a while but can drive the mini bus.

ST MICHAEL'S REPOSITORY

The Repository now has a selection of cards and items for Advent and Christmas. If you have any specific requirements, please let us know either at the Repository or email:

christinerainbows@yahoo.co.uk

ADVENT MASS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend an Advent Mass at English Martyrs Primary School on **Thursday 19th December** at 2pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December

5pm, Shepherds and Angels Mass

11.30pm, Vigil Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December 10.00am, Christmas Day Mass

Thursday 26th December 10.00am, Feast of St Stephen Mass

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Once again the Knights of St. Columba are delighted to be supplying the annual Keeping Christ in Christmas posters. Feel free to take one home to display accordingly.

RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend the retiring collection is for Fr Peter's Christmas Meal for needy children. No retiring collection next weekend.