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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*

THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14/15 DECEMBER 2024

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish	<i>St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor</i>
Sunday	9.30am	James & Nellie Lardner RIP (ML)	<i>Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent Please join us for our coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Lucia, George & Maria Free RIP	
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am	Ita & Thomas Cooney Anniv (I&C)	<i>Rosary after 9.30am Mass</i>
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	Maria Plant & Bernard & Rosanna RIP Adoration	
Friday	9.30am	Fr Ted Bell RIP	
Saturday	6.00pm	Intention Ann Woods 90 th Birthday (M&JW)	

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick: Gill Whelan, Dave Hall, Paddy Kearney, Keith Padwick, Denise Caruana, Chris Romanchek, 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:** John Devereux, Leo Donlevy, John Kearney, Kathleen Foley, Charles Ryan, Selwyn Williams, Léa Luce, Maria Ritchie & Eddie Q, Leslie Chipchase, Honora McCormack, Graham Crawley, Lillian Fisher, Peter Juster, Godofreda Campos Mallillin, John Francis Cummins, Gladys Hudson, Fred Cox, Teresa Morrison, John Fife, Mary Sutcliffe, Fr John Fraser.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

2nd Coll(Fr Peter Christmas Meal): £1,168.65 RTU: £56

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.

DEACON MARK

He is away this weekend in Manchester to celebrate his mother, Ann's 90th birthday with family and friends. He will be back for next weekend and the Christmas celebrations.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION – ST MICHAEL'S

This **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.

21 SIXTH FORMERS FROM ROMERO'S GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES HELPING THE CHARITY ANCOP

Ashley Henry is one of 21 Sixth Formers from St Romero's who are going to the Philippines next summer for their work experience week and helping the charity ANCOP, 'Answering the Cry of the Poor.' The charity helps to develop communities, and to build schools, and homes and hospitals and support families. Ashley has asked if we could support him in the Cake Sale after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

FR PETER'S CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL

Thank you very much

Father Peter was delighted when we told him that he has £2,500 to spend on his Christmas Meal. An enormous sum. The staff and students of St Oscar Romero Catholic School contributed the magnificent sum of £1,000 raised through one of their non-uniform days. All the remainder came from parishioners and well-wishers, an excellent achievement. So this week teams of people in Maliki are busy starting to organise the day.

Many, many thanks, Jan and John

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. *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.

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.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE AT ENGLISH MARTYRS, Goring-By-Sea

On **Friday 20th December** at 7pm, we shall be holding our annual Parish Carol Service. It will be a festive opportunity for everyone to celebrate the coming of Christmas by taking part in our service of traditional carols and readings in the church, to be followed by refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies in the Barn. All are most welcome to attend so please come and join us!

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father will open the Holy Door at St. Peter's on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is *Pilgrims of Hope*. The beginning of the Holy Year is being marked by the celebration of Mass in every Cathedral Church in the world on December 29th. Bishop Richard will be celebrate the 11am Mass at Arundel Cathedral on that day, which will begin - in accordance with the Ceremonial provided by the Holy See, with a procession. This will begin at 11am and move to the Cathedral for Mass.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 25 January 11 - 4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill. Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. The booking link can be found here [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(25-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.