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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*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21/22 DECEMBER 2024

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	Intention Ann Woods 90 th Birthday (M&JW)	
Sunday	9.30am	Edwin Alphonso RIP (Choir)	Fourth Sunday of Advent Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers <i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Edwin Alphonso RIP (CA)	
Tuesday	5.00pm 11.30pm	Léa Luce RIP (FL) People of Parish	Christmas Eve: Shepherds & Angels Vigil Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Wednesday	10.00am	In Thanksgiving St Michael's Parish	Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord <i>Please join us for coffee and mince pies after Mass</i>
Thursday	10.00am	Intention of Barry Parsons (AS)	St Stephen, First Martyr
Friday	9.30am	Louis & Doreen and Family RIP	St John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday	6.00pm	People of Parish	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick: Barry Parsons, Pat Fitzpatrick, 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, Seamus Lardner, Peter Goldsworthy, Anne Jewson, Joan Worthington, Mary Wilson, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Henri Adelaide, Gill Whelan, Leilia Murray, Alan King, Rose DeMello, Carol Shaw, John Moore, Catherine Arnold, Joan Cox **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ellen & Thomas Kearney, Ita Cooney, Jean Shand, Denise Kilgallon, Bill Day, Dorothy Leach, Albert Lowe, Maurice & Vera Kajde, Betty Skeet, Grace Naghten, Gordon Reynolds, Margaret Lambe, Elizabeth Jenkins, Frank Finlay, Elizabeth Austin, Emilia D'Onofrio, Andrew Theodoridi.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

RTU: £12

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.

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.

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 using the card machine in the foyer.

The total money raised will be used to buy one (or more) of the CAFOD World Gifts. 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. *Many thanks, St. Michael's CAFOD group*

SVP

A big thank you to all our parishioners and their children, who worked so hard last weekend in putting the 184 Christmas Hampers together. It was an amazing feat. We also delivered to three schools that opened up for us on the Sunday. Each year I am impressed by the generosity of time that our parish volunteers give to us. Thank you again, Sheila and the rest of the SVP.

FR PETER CHRISTMAS MEAL - Preparations are underway

Father Peter rang to tell us of the progress towards Christmas day. He said that there is much gratitude in Maliki to all who are supporting the Christmas meal for the children. Things are well underway and Father says everyone is more than willing to work and play their part. There are plans for purchasing the food, as well as the second hand clothing and mosquito nets. He ended by saying, "Children are dancing every day in their homes. They are counting the days." Thank you so much everyone for all your generosity. *Jan and John Gribben*

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

Fr Terry Martin has written a report of the meeting, held on Thursday 14th November with representatives from all parishes within the Worthing Deanery, to explore the future of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the new moderated parish. Copies are available in the foyer.

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](#)

GOLDEN EGG

Our November Golden Egg winner of £50 is J Kearney. Many thanks for all for your continued support. Prize money is £50.00 each month and £100 three times per year. All proceeds help the church funds. Renewals for 2025 are coming up! If you pay by monthly or annual Standing Order you do not need to re-register with us. If you paid by CASH or Cheque for the year, then please contact me to arrange payment for 2025, or you can put an envelope marked 'Golden Egg' in the collection plate with your payment and name. There are some Golden Egg envelopes in the Church Foyer if you need one.

We are always looking for new members, if you would like to join for 2025, there are forms in the Church foyer with joining instructions, alternatively, please email me at goldenegg.worthingstmichaels@abdiocese.org.uk and I will contact you.

CRIB OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S A&B CRISIS FUND

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) helps families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Through their A&B Crisis Fund they offer immediate practical support such as providing beds for children who have been found sleeping on the floor, or cookers for families who are unable to provide their children with a warm meal. There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every single penny donated will be ring fenced and used to provide immediate support for local children and families in need. You can donate at the Crib, or via the CCS website: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Your offertory at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to Fr Chris, who will benefit from Gift Aid if donations are made using either numbered envelopes, white one-off envelopes or Gift Aid in the card machine/DONA system.

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.