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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*

THE HOLY FAMILY

28/29 DECEMBER 2024

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	People of Parish	
Sunday	9.30am	Int. James Crabtree & Family (TD)	The Holy Family <i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Tom & Mary Gaffney RIP (MF)	
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	11.00am	Int. of the Knights of St Columba	Mary, Mother of God <i>Morning Mass with KSC Worthing Council 280</i>
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	No Mass today Adoration	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen
Friday	9.30am	No Mass today	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish	

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: Paddy Kearney, 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:** Dymrna Froude, Julia Davey, Ian Kilmister, James Ryan, Giulia Grainger, Pat Richards, Harold Hudson, Anna Ryan, Sr Xavier, Brian Parton, Adelina & Peter Francis, Philomena Lorain Francis, Gabriel Ogeyluis, Janet Whelan, Constance Mills.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GOOD WISHES

Fr Chris and Deacon Mark continue to wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas time and every blessing for the New Year. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family we pray for the Lord's blessing on us and on all our families for this New Year. Thank you so very much for all your help and support during 2024 and for all you do for our Parish.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany as God reveals his Presence to all on earth as the wise men journey from the East led by the star to the Infant King of the Jews

NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we also very warmly welcome Fr Paul Wilkinson who is kindly supplying our Masses.

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.

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 opened 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.

FR PETER'S CHRISTMAS MEAL

Fr Peter tells us that the Christmas meal was a great success, and people came in huge numbers. The church was full, fuller than last year. There were over 300 children and about 100+ adults - mainly people who have been helped over this past year through the plant sales. Fr Peter was particularly heartened by the way in which everyone pitched in and helped. Even the caterer from the local school came to help supervise the cooking so everything was done properly. There was a lot of excitement and some of the children came back for second and even third helpings. It was a real parish effort and there were big smiles on every face. It was a really happy day with everyone playing their part. Lots of singing and dancing. Fr Peter sent his

heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this great day. We would like to add our thanks to those of Fr Peter. None of it would have been possible without your contributions. Thank you so much. Jan and John

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 20 September 2025 Festival of Hope

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.

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](#)

CHURCH CLEANING

Would you be able to volunteer some of your time to help clean our church? We have a small group of volunteers who clean our church fortnightly and who are looking for new volunteers to swell their number. They currently meet fortnightly on a Monday at 9.30am but the timing can be flexible to suit your availability. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Chris if you can help.

GOLDEN EGG

Time to Renew for 2025

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

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.