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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

4/5 DECEMBER 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

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| Saturday | 6.00pm | For Sick Parishioners | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Int. Gerard Duarte Buades (MMcG) | Bible Sunday <i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i> |
| Monday | 9.30am | A Private Intention | |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion Service | St Ambrose |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Nora Hussey RIP | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Thursday | 9.30am 10-11am | In Thanksgiving Margaret Gafis (MG) Adoration | |
| Friday | 9.30am | Holy Souls RIP (MG) | |
| Saturday | 6.00pm | Lauren White RIP (MA) | Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent |

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick: Margaret Lambe, Pat and Ken Richardson, Kate Hutcheson, Tom Harley, Yvonne Henwood, Bob Hutchison, Peter Bone, Neil Thomas, Seamus Lardner, Joan Nixon, Gerard Duarte Buades, Andrea McManus, Helen Gair, Philip Bennett, Barbara Wakefield, Teresa B, Peter Goldsworthy, Anne Jewson, Len Argent, Simon Moora, Jo-Ann Hudson, David McDonald, David Ryan, Ann O'Toole, Joan Worthington, John McGrath, Val Romanchek, Bill Romanchek, Mary Wilson, Pat Fitzpatrick, Tim Mulvihill, Chris Clark, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Fr Robert Ellis, Malcolm Pelling, Jane Melhuish, Margaret Scurry, Lauren White, Joan Dorrian, Fr David Irwin, Anne O'Halloran, Cathy Stayne, Rita Carr, Monica Wood **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gabrielle Allen, Dennis Keegan, Liza Cunningham, Patricia Penn, Brian Johnson, Nora Hussey, Tony Wright, Ron Rossi, Ron Hopkins, Fr Ted Bell, Harry Ward, Maureen Parsons.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Offertory & Donations: £302.84

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Our regular weekday and weekend Masses are being Live Streamed and Recorded. These are available for 7 days on our YouTube channel [St Michael's Catholic Church Worthing](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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](http://www.stmichaels-worthing.org.uk). Please hand completed forms to Father Chris. (*Communion not recorded*)

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales have issued further guidelines concerning the celebration of Mass which can be viewed [here](#). When attending church we are strongly urged to:

- wear a face covering or a face mask
- use the hand sanitizer as you enter and leave
- scan the QR code or provide your contact details for NHS Test and Trace

We will continue to have collection baskets at the entrance for your donations, together with our contactless donation device. Seating in our Hall area remains a socially distanced safe space. *We thank you for continuing to exercise caution and observing this guidance to make our Parish Community as safe as possible.*

DEACON MARK is away this weekend assisting in the Formation Weekend for men training for the diaconate in southern England.

HONOURING SUNDAY

During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life and following the first face to face meeting of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in Leeds, the bishops have issued a statement about the importance of honouring Sunday which can be viewed at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/> Paper copies are available by the water stoop.

NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we welcome Fr Brian Oswald, from the Mill Hill Missionary Society, who will be celebrating our Masses and giving a 'Red Box Thank You and Appeal' on behalf of Missio, Pope Francis' official charity for the overseas mission of the Church for everyone in need, regardless of background or belief.

MISSIO RED BOXES

If you have a Missio red box, please could you return it for counting. If you are unable to return your box, please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2022

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2022, or in Year 10 or above and would like to be Confirmed in 2022, please email your details to the Parish Office.

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS MASS 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE

All the children who have their names registered for the First Holy Communion Programme 2022 and would like to be involved in the Shepherds and Angels Mass, please attend 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 19 December** and join the Children's Liturgy to plan for the service.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION – ST MICHAEL'S

On **Sunday 19th 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.

PREPARING WITH POPE FRANCIS FOR THE SYNOD 2023

Following on from the call of Pope Francis and Bishop Richard for parishioners to engage in the preparations for the Synod in 2023 to assist Pope Francis and the Bishops in their work for the good of the whole Church, there will be sessions led by Deacon Mark for three Thursdays beginning on **9th December** from

11.30am for about one hour in the Parish Hall. Also a session with Trudy Thomson on **Saturday 18th December** from 11.30am in the Parish Hall. No booking necessary.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A great big 'thank you' to all who supported and helped in anyway to the wonderful success of the Parish Bazaar. After expenses we made in excess of £3000 towards Parish Projects. This year has been difficult for everyone and just wonderful to see the support of so many people. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Craft Club, to all who donated items and to all who came and supported this wonderful Parish Community event. Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

FR PETER

Normally we would be selling flowers at about this time for Fr Peter's Christmas Meal. For those of you who do not know about this, Fr Peter, in Kenya, invites all the children local to him to a meal on Christmas Day. He normally has between 300 and 400 young guests for his meal which is prepared and served by some of the Confirmation candidates of his parish. St Michael's parishioners have formerly financed this meal by buying plants sold by Jan and John. Fr Peter is grateful for this support and pleased in this way to help spread the Christian message and also knows from past years that it is a fruitful method of evangelisation. Flowers will not be sold this year because of COVID 19 but if anyone would like to make a donation to enable this meal to take place then we will be at church this weekend **December 4/5**. Thank you.

Many thanks to the Mens' Group who agreed recently to help Fr Peter provide wells at his seven churches without water. The well fund now has £170. Brilliant! *Jan and John Gribben* 01903 872249

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday and every blessing to John Gribben celebrating a birthday this weekend.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS – 'MARY'S 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, anything from their current 'wish list' would be a great help, or you are welcome to donate a 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 **Thursday 16th December**. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School in Derwent Drive, are having their Christmas Fair on **Friday, 10th December 3.30pm – 7.30pm**. There will be Santas' Grotto, Tombola, BBQ, raffle, stalls and much more. They look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday 24th December

5pm: Shepherds and Angels Mass

11.30pm: Vigil Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December 10.00 am: Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 26th December 9.30am: Feast of the Holy Family.



RETIRING COLLECTION

Our retiring collection this weekend is for Fr Peter's Christmas Meal. No retiring collection next weekend.