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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 SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11/12 DECEMBER 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	Lauren White RIP (MA)	
Sunday	9.30am	Int Auntie Amal (RC)	Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent <i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Philip Bennett RIP & Family Intentions (TP)	St Lucy
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	St John of the Cross
Wednesday	9.30am	Fr Robert Ellis RIP	
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	A Private Intention Adoration	
Friday	9.30am	Int of Maurice Type	
Saturday	6.00pm	People of Parish	Fourth 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: Darcey Wadey, Amal Al Chaer, Maurice Type, 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, 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: Philip Bennett, 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:** Sunna Jarman, Mary Munnely, Margaret Garwell, John Devereux, Leo Donlevy, John Kearney, Kathleen Foley, Charles Ryan, Selwyn Williams, Léa Luce, Leslie Chipchase, Honora McCormack, Graham Crawley.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Offertory & Donations: £441.55 2nd Coll (Fr Peter Christmas Meal): £977.78 RTU: £66

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

From this weekend when attending church we are **required to wear a face covering or face mask** and strongly urged to:

- 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.*

THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we warmly welcome Fr Brian Oswald, from the Mill Hill Missionary Society, who is 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.

HONOURING SUNDAY

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales 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.

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. Parishioners may also answer the questions as individuals. To do this print off the questions from the *Participant and Group Leaders' Guide* which can be found at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> and return them through the Parish Office by the end of January.

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.

FR PETER

Last weekend's collection for Fr Peter, in Kenya, to help him provide a meal on Christmas Day to the children in his parishes, raised £977.78. Jan and John are overwhelmed by the generosity of their

fellow parishioners. They thank you all so much and know that Fr Peter will be delighted.

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.

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.



REPOSITORY

We only offered a limited stock of Christmas cards/gifts etc. on the Repository this year and apologise if this has caused a problem to any of our lovely customers. Last year we were unable to sell anything and, therefore, made the decision to carry over stock we already held and not to invest in new stock. We were unable to anticipate how many parishioners would be returning to attending Mass. Hopefully, next year will be totally different and we can again provide a nice display of religious Christmas cards and gifts. Thank you, as always, for your support for the Repository. Trish & Gloria.

ST MICHAEL'S BRIDGE CLUB - TEA PERSON REQUIRED

Tea Person required to prepare and serve tea and biscuits for St Michael's Bridge Club at their weekly Friday afternoon meetings in our Hall. Start time 2.15pm, £20 for 2 hours. Starting on Friday 7th January. Could be shared every other week. If interested, please pass your contact details to the Parish Office.

GOLDEN EGG – Time to Renew for 2022

Subscriptions for 2022 are due at the end of December and it would be great if we could reach, or even pass, the magic 125 for next year. If you are already a member, please do stay with us. Due to Covid we reached 112 members this year, which I feel is an excellent result, please stay with us or join us again.

The lifeblood of Our Golden Egg are its Members without you we cannot raise the much needed money for St Michaels. You all helped support St Michaels and the members won £700 in prize money.

The annual cost stays at only £12. This gives you nine chances to win the **monthly £50 prize**, whilst in April, August, and December, it's a magnificent **£100**. If you are 'not in it', you cannot 'win it'.

If you haven't yet given it a try, or are a 'lapsed' Golden Egger, why not join us? After all, it is a mere £1 a month but, with so many members, it really does help to support your church.

More so this year we need to attract new members.

To renew or join, pick up a form in the church foyer or download from the website:

www.stmichaels-worthing.org.uk/parishlife/supportourparish

If you have any questions please contact Sheila Padwick by email: sheilapadwick@gmail.com or telephone 01903 600071. *Thanking you in anticipation, Sheila*

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.