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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*

CHRISTMAS DAY / THE HOLY FAMILY

25/26 DECEMBER 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	10.00am	People of Parish	Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday	9.30am	For the Intentions of St Michael's	The Holy Family
Monday	9.30am	Intention of Sr Baptist (MF)	St John
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday	9.30am	Intention of Sr Benignus (MF)	St Thomas Becket
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	Jo and Marie Intentions (AJ) Adoration	
Friday	9.30am	Intention of Rose Murphy (AJ)	
Saturday	6.00pm	Fr Desmond Baker RIP	Mary, Mother of God

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: Jean Shand, Fr Desmond Baker, 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:** Elizabeth Jenkins, Frank Finlay, Elizabeth Austin, Dympna Froude, Julia Davey, Ian Kilmister, James Ryan, Giulia Grainger, Pat Richards, Harold Hudson, Anna & Ryan (Chapman Family).

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Offertory & Donations: £256.57

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

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

From 10/12/21 it is **mandatory to wear a face covering** (both nose and mouth) when attending church. We shall be leaving doors open to allow good ventilation so please wrap up warm! Additionally, please:

- use the hand sanitizer as you enter and leave,
- scan the QR code or provide your contact details for NHS Test and Trace,
- stay at home if you are feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of Covid-19,
- take regular lateral flow tests and before mixing.

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.*

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GOOD WISHES

Fr Chris and Deacon Mark 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. Thank you so very much for all your help and support during 2021 and for all you do for our Parish.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

The Knights of St. Columba, Worthing once again are pleased to provide some 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters. You will find them in the porch area so do feel free to take one and display. Peace & Joy to you all this Christmas.

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, parishioners may contribute 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, or complete the online form.

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.

POUND A WEEK

This Christmas we are sending £114 to Fr Peter. This brings the total sent since we started Pound a Week in November 2016 to £3248. In thanking all those that have made this possible, I ask you to continue to put your Pounds in an envelope & if you haven't so far, to join us. Label it 'Pound a Week' & add it to the Collection each week. As you can see £1 a week does make a difference & the more of us that take part the bigger the difference we can make. Thanks, Tony Appleton.

CAFOD- AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people

of Afghanistan.

SIR PETER BOTTOMLEY CHRISTMAS WISHES

Sir Peter sends to us all in faith best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and thanks us for our caring and invaluable work in support of the community. *(Peter Bottomley MP and Virginia, Palace of Westminster.)*

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

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY WEBINAR

'To a Safer Shore?': 15th January, from 9.45 am for 10 am to 1 pm, will **now take place online**. More details and to book at [To a Safer Shore? Spotlights refugees, highlighting what we can do to help. | Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://To a Safer Shore? Spotlights refugees, highlighting what we can do to help. | Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese (abdiocese.org.uk) or contact Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk) or contact Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

NBCW

May I introduce myself as Diocesan Link with the '[National Board of Catholic Women](#)' (NBCW)? I would love to be able to keep in contact with the women of our parishes as part of my role as Diocesan Link and a means of engaging two-way communication between the Diocese and the NBCW. Please consider being the parish contact. Thanks. Sue Petritz, nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk Diocesan Link for Arundel & Brighton. *Actively promoting the presence, participation & responsibilities of Catholic Women.*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your Christmas offering for Fr Chris this weekend is eligible for Gift Aid. For cash and cheques please use the Gift Aid envelope available in the foyer. Alternatively you may wish to make a card donation using our digital collection plate located in the foyer or by using the 'Donate' button on our website [here](#).

CRIB OFFERING 2021

This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund. Every single penny donated to the Crib will provide direct support to local children and families in A&B who are facing a crisis in their lives. 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. .