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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*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24/25 MAY 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	Pope Francis RIP In Thanksgiving for his Life and Service (LK)	
Sunday	9.30am	People of Parish	<i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Private Intention (SS)	St Philip Neri, Priest
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Wednesday	9.30am	The Walch Family (MF)	<i>Rosary after 9.30am Mass</i>
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	Margaret Gafis (LM) Adoration	The Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation
Friday	9.30am	Intention Cunningham Family	
Saturday	6.00pm	James McLaughlin RIP (JMCL)	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick: David Napper, Kerry Thomson, Moira Clark, Hilary Kepa, Alex Woods, Catherine Beviss, Barry Parsons, Pat Fitzpatrick, Dave Hall, Denise Caruana, Chris Romanchek, Alan Roberts, T L Mallillin, Tony Holley, Tim & Claire Key, Geoffrey Clark, David Jarman, Brian Johnstone, Susan B, Cathy H, Michael Lambe, Antoinette McLaughlin, Robert Gibson, Lucie Elliott, Leslie Sarcoe, Joan Nixon, Seamus Lardner, Anne Jewson, Joan Worthington, Mary Wilson, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Madeline Callaghan, His Holiness Pope Francis, Ian Penny, Dennis Lamb, Ann Edwards, Barbara McKenna, Steve Dunn, Sue Dixon, Peter Goldsworthy, Deirdre Hussey, Enid Parsons, Fr Terence McLean-Wilson, Michael Hanrahan, Fr Ollie Heaney, Kathleen Osborn, Jill Juster, Christina Spanton, **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Doris Grant, Maria Noakes, Albert Woods, Geoffrey Johnson, Manola Streetin, Eileen Marshall, Margaret Cameron, Peter Foan, Marianne Isted, Andrea Cristo, Margaret Atkinson, Richard Johnstone, Henry James Gear, Frank Walsh.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Pound a Week: £20 RTU: £46.05

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

There is a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 4 June**, at 7.30pm in the Hall. The next session of preparation for the children will be on **Saturday 7 June** at 10am in the Hall, followed by 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 8 June**. The full programme can be viewed on our website in the Sacraments/Eucharist section here.

CONFIRMATION

We come to pray and wish all our young people here at St Michael's and across the Worthing Deanery every blessing as they celebrate their Confirmation and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit this **Sunday 25 May** with Bishop Richard at 2pm at Arundel Cathedral.

ST MICHAEL'S REPOSITORY – FIRST COMMUNION

St Michael's Repository has a large selection of First Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. Please ask if we do not have what you are looking for and we will try to order it for you. All of our goods are competitively priced and the profits from Repository sales support St. Michael's Parish.

PLANNING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR NEW PARISH

As a Deanery family we have been invited by Bishop Richard to prepare for the future, when we will become one large parish, and become the New Parish of Worthing, a community of communities. On Tuesday 13 May in our Deanery Meeting at St Romeros, we warmly welcomed Fr Irek Stadler to St Mary's, as our new Moderator, and we began to plan together for the future and to begin to meet together within each of our parish communities. And so **we warmly invite parishioners here at St Michael's to a meeting on Monday 2 June at 7.30pm** to explain how does the future look, and what implications are there for each of our existing parishes within the current Deanery. An opportunity to raise thoughts, ideas, and questions and possible solutions. And the advantages of collaborating with other parishes, and how we can grow in our involvement in the Mission of the Church.

SVP BRIC-A-BRAC SALE - LAST WEEKEND

Many thanks to all Parishioners and Craft Club members for all your help in making the SVP sale, in memory of Christina, such an incredible success last weekend. So far we have raised a magnificent sum of £1352.88. Many thanks, Sheila.

CAFOD GROUP MEETING

This will be on **Wednesday 28 May** from 10.30am at 43 Cissbury Gardens, BN14 0DZ. We will be discussing and planning events for the year ahead. All welcome. For more information contact Jane Woods on W877801.

BUILDING RESTORATION WORKS - ST MICHAEL'S REROOFING

The final phase of our restoration works will start from Tuesday 27 May lasting up to 15 weeks.

- The drive and car park will be closed from 27th whilst scaffolding and equipment is delivered. Access may also be restricted at various times throughout the works whilst materials are delivered, skips exchanged, etc.
- Car park capacity will be reduced as the northern end will be a base for the contractors. **You are welcome to park on the field if that is a viable option for you, unless it is very wet**, leaving the car park available for the less able and **avoiding excessive parking on the road**.
- **Pedestrians and drivers** – please comply with signage to ensure everyone's safety.

A sheet with the full information of the **BUILDING RESTORATION WORKS** and updates, **including short notice alterations to usage**, is available on the website home page and in the link [here](#).

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

The next Bereavement Cafe will take place on **Wednesday 28 May** at 3pm in the Parish Hall. It is an opportunity for anyone who has suffered loss to meet with others and chat in an informal setting over a cup of tea and cake. All welcome.

THE NATIONAL CHURCHES SURVEY

Giving every church a voice | National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust is carrying out a survey to help politicians, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges churches, like yours, face and to highlight the vital work they do. They want to hear from staff and volunteers at churches in the UK. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, and help to address some of the biggest challenges facing churches and ensure their future. The survey closes on Monday 30 June 2025.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey>



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Have you ever thought of becoming a Foundation Governor?

Would you like to make a positive contribution to children's education?

Would you like to preserve and develop the Catholic Ethos of a school?

Our growing Trust would like anyone interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our wonderful schools across Sussex to contact Alice Mackay, Office Manager, by email E: info@boscocet.org.uk or telephone T: 01444 221 770 or by providing your details through our website <https://www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/>

RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend the retiring collection is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese. This collection goes to help the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru and is eligible for Gift Aid. Next weekend the retiring collection is for World Communications Sunday.