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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 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13/14 DECEMBER 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	Christine Kinchin RIP (AC)	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Sunday	9.30am	Monica Wheeler RIP (PW)	Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent <i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Rob Connor RIP	
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am	Steve Newall & Family RIP	<i>Rosary after 9.30am Mass</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Funeral Mass of Gloria Gonzalez	
Friday	9.30am	Marianne Withall RIP	
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: Theresa McLaughlin, David Malandain, Samuel Bezarto, Bob Dines, Yvonne Henwood, Charlie Keevil, Sylvia Petty, Eileen Woodman, Pauline Nickolls, Glenis Attwell, Ve Soanes, Susan Pierce, Joanna J, Brian Pollard, Sandra Smith, Walter and Marie Hindle, Olga Kearney, Denis & Jackie Key, Kerry Thomson, Hilary Kepa, Catherine Beviss, Pat Fitzpatrick, Dave Hall, Chris Romanchek, Alan Roberts, T L Mallillin, Tony Holley, Geoffrey Clark, 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: Gloria Saro Gonzalez, Catherine Dawbarn, Betsy Badminton, John Kingsbury, Ellen O'Hagan, Denise Caruana, Benjamin Hibbert, Peter Kuhn, Fr Alan Sharpe, Mike Rymer, Angela Kelly-Homer, **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anne Challinor, Margaret Garwell, John Devereux, Leo Donlevy, John Kearney, Kathleen Foley, Charles Ryan, Selwyn Williams, Léa Luce, Maria Ritchie & Eddie Q, Leslie Chipchase, Honora McCormack, Graham Crawley, Lillian Fisher, Peter Juster, Godofreda Campos Mallillin, John Francis Cummins, Gladys Hudson, Fred Cox.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

Pound a Week: £27

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING MINISTRY

Just a reminder to us all of our safeguarding ministry and responsibility to our children, our young people and to those who are vulnerable here at St Michael's and within our communities. Our responsibility to value everyone and to support and protect them. Mrs Joanna Malandain is our Safeguarding Representative to help and to support us in this ministry and responsibility.

HEALING SERVICE

After all Masses this weekend.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION – ST MICHAEL'S

On **Sunday 14 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.

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 7 June**, please would you email your details to the Parish Office, and we will be in touch when our programme is finalised.

CONFIRMATION 2026

If you are in Year 10 or above and would like to be Confirmed next year on **Sunday 5 July** 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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21 December at 3pm, followed by seasonal refreshments in the Barn. All are most welcome to attend. Please come and join us!

ST. MICHAEL'S GIVING TREE 2025

Share a Gift with the Homeless this Christmas

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 share a gift, please select one of the suggestion tags from the giving tree, or you are welcome to donate a cafe 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 Sunday 14th December**. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Would you like to think that your Christmas card to your friends at St Michael's could also help people in the developing world? For the fifteenth year the parish CAFOD group would like to invite you to take one of the cards on the CAFOD display stand, **sign** on the **front** of and **fix** it onto the display in the entrance hall between now and Christmas day. Put the money that you would have spent on your cards to parishioners into the jar. The total money raised will be used to buy one (or more) of the CAFOD World Gifts. Look on the display in the entrance to see what your money could help to buy. Last year the parish gave £191 and that was used to buy two sets of emergency water supplies, a cow and a goat. Please, everyone, look at the display each week to see the good wishes of your friends here at St. Michael's. *Many thanks, St. Michael's CAFOD group*

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Once again the Knights of St. Columba (KSC) have the pleasure of providing the annual 'Keeping Christ in Christmas' posters. Please take one home and display accordingly. A most Holy and Blessed Christmas to you all.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday 24th December:

4.30pm, Shepherds and Angels Mass

11.30pm, Vigil Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December: 10.00am, Christmas Day Mass

Friday 26th December: 10.00am, Feast of St Stephen

ST MICHAEL'S MEN BREAKFAST

Thank you to all that attended our recent breakfast and wonderful to see you all. We raised £160 for Fr Peter. Special thanks to Amanda and Damien for providing the breakfast.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 24 January 2026, 11-4pm

St Michael's Church, High Salvington, Worthing BN13 3AL

Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, Liturgy and Music Adviser. On the weekend of the Sunday of the Word of God, this 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. To book a place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website

www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or scan the QR code on the poster in the foyer. If you have any questions about this day, do not hesitate to contact Catherine Christmas at catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

2026 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Celebration of St Michael's Diamond Jubilee, **Sunday 26 April 2026**. Bishop Richard will join us for a 11am Mass to celebrate 60 years of our Parish, followed by a parish shared lunch.

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend or next weekend.

Scan this code to make an Offertory, General or 'second collection' donation to St Michael's

