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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*

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25 DECEMBER 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Thursday	10.00am	People of the Parish	Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord <i>Please join us for coffee and mince pies after Mass</i>
Friday	10.00am	Intention of St Michael's Parish	St Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday	6.00pm	John Kearney RIP	St John, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick:

Sandra Holley, 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:

Anthony Scrivens, Mike Stanbridge, Gloria Saro Gonzalez, Catherine Dawbarn, Betsy Badminton, John Kingsbury, Ellen O'Hagan, Denise Caruana, Benjamin Hibbert, Peter Kuhn, Fr Alan Sharpe, Mike Rymer, **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Teresa Morrison, John Fife, Mary Sutcliffe, Fr John Fraser, Ellen & Thomas Kearney, Ita Cooney, Jean Shand, Denise Kilgallon, Bill Day, Dorothy Leach, Albert Lowe, Maurice & Vera Kajde, Betty Skeet, Grace Naghten, Gordon Reynolds, Lea Luce, Margaret Lambe, Paddy Kearney, Elizabeth Jenkins, Frank Finlay, Elizabeth Austin, Emilia D'Onofrio.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend

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. To protect our grass, **please do not park on the grassed areas during the winter months**. Please keep visibility on our driveway clear by not parking close to the entrance either on the driveway or on Hayling Rise.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Fr Chris and Deacon Mark wish you a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas. As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour may the Lord bless us, and our families, our Parish with his joy and peace as we carry his Presence and the power of his Spirit like Mary to our world and to one another. A big thank you

everyone for all your cards, gifts and good wishes. Thank you so much for all your help and support during 2025 and every blessing and good wish for 2026.

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.

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. The full programme can be viewed on our website in the Sacraments/Eucharist section [here](#).

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. The full programme can be viewed on our website in the Sacraments/Confirmation section [here](#).

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 CARDS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Many thanks to all parishioners who have signed cards on the CAFOD display stand. The total money raised will be used to buy one (or more) of the CAFOD World Gifts. Please, everyone, look at the display to see the good wishes of your friends here at St. Michael's. *Many thanks, St. Michael's CAFOD group*

REACHING THE UNREACHED (RTU)

2025 marks the centenary year of the founder of Reaching The Unreached, Fr James Kimpton. To mark the centenary year, Father Anthony hopes to be able to build 100 new houses for destitute families who live in their area. A house costs just £1200 (which becomes £1500 with Gift Aid). I have put some leaflets in the church foyer which provides gifts you can buy, alternatively, if you are able to donate, please do so in the jar at the back of the church. Any questions, please speak to Jenny Stevens.

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 – 2028

Due to a revision in the Admissions policies provided by the Catholic Education Service, we are required to go out for consultation on our Admission arrangements for the academic year 2027-2028. The proposed arrangement (Admission Policy and Supplementary Information Form) can be viewed on our school website <https://english-martyrs-redesign.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/>. Alternatively you can ask for a copy of the Admission Policy and SIF from the school.

If you would like to make any comments please email office@englishmartyrs.school or in writing to the school office for the attention of Mrs Debbie Tate, Clerk to the Governors. The consultation runs from Friday 19th December to Friday 30th January.

EXPLORING THE VOCATION TO TEACHING IN OUR DIOCESAN

SCHOOLS: Online event Tuesday 13 January, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

If you are interested in hearing more about the vocation to teaching and what teaching in a Catholic school involves, Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, will be running this online information event. This event would be suitable for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. To book a place, please use the link: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzi

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 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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

Saturday 7 February 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard

Centre, Crawley

One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. Tickets are now £40 per delegate (usual price £120). To register scan the QR code which can be found on the poster in the foyer, or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

CRIB OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S A&B CRISIS FUND

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) helps families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Through their A&B Crisis Fund they offer immediate support when families need it most. For example, helping a newly bereaved family put food on the table, or simply providing a child living in poverty with a warm winter coat. There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. You can donate at the Crib, or via the CCS website: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Your offertory at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to Fr Chris, who will benefit from Gift Aid if donations are made using either numbered envelopes, white one-off envelopes or Gift Aid in the card machine/DONA system.

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

