

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.

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



On Tuesday we welcome Fr John Inglis as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany as God reveals his Presence to all on earth as the wise men journey from the East led by the star to the Infant King of the Jews.

HEALING SERVICE

Healing Service after all Masses next weekend.

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](#).

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-primarysite.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/vqrcnwz

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

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey (roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit marysmeals.org.uk. Thank you for your support!

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

RETIRING COLLECTION

No retiring collection this weekend. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) White Flower Appeal.

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

