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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10/11 JANUARY 2026

Mass Times and Intentions for the week:

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
Sunday	9.30am	Pat Hudson RIP (JW)	<i>Please join us for coffee after Mass</i>
Monday	9.30am	Tim & Robin McEwan RIP	
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am	Anthony Scrivens RIP (MM)	<i>Rosary after 9.30am Mass</i>
Thursday	9.30am 10-11am	Private Intention Adoration	
Friday	9.30am		
Saturday	6.00pm		<i>St Antony, Abbot</i>

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

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick:

Rusty Mallin, Sue Flynn, Sandra Holley, David Malandain, Samuel Bezarto, 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 **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Constance Mills, Mary Pollard, Ronald Hutchinson, Christopher Woodley, Gertie Pollard, Mary Gaffney, Philomena Landen, Muriel McCabe, Charles Walsh, Pat Hudson, Heather Roberts, Margaret Shipsey, John Cummins, Paul Matthias, Mary Barrie, Michael Brown, Margaret & Jimmy Atkinson, Ted O'Donnell, Desmond Hercules, Philip Gilpin, George & Margaret Scott, Penny Gilbert, Harold Burgess, Derek Hutchings, Alberto Gallego, Peggy Eames, Winnie Morrison, Sylvia Quickfall, John Nixon, Maurice Whelan.

Thank you for your generosity last weekend - RTU: £30

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish in December

Offertory (Basket, Digital & Standing Orders): £3,676 General Donations: £103

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStMichael'sCatholicChurchWorthing). 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](http://www.stmichaels-worthing.org.uk). 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.

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

Healing Service after all Masses this weekend.

NEXT WEEKEND – PEACE SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, 18 January**, is Peace Sunday. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on 1 January.

Pope Leo's theme for his message is '**Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace**'.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass on **Sunday 7 June**, please would you email your details to the Parish Office. The programme begins with a Parents First Holy Communion Meeting on **Thursday 29 January**, at 7.30pm in the Hall. This is followed by the first session for the children on **Saturday 31 January** at 10am in the Hall. The full programme can be viewed on our website in the Sacraments/Eucharist section [here](#).

CONFIRMATION

We warmly welcome our young people wishing to be Confirmed this year in Arundel Cathedral on **Sunday 5 July**, to the first preparation session here at St Michael's Hall on **Sunday 8 February**, 5-6.30pm. 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.

CAFOD - CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST MICHAEL'S

Many thanks to all parishioners who signed cards on the CAFOD display stand. A total £275.25 was raised and will be used to buy one (or more) of the CAFOD World Gifts. *Many thanks, St. Michael's CAFOD group*

FR PETER - CHRISTMAS MEAL

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way to the Christmas meal. Fr Peter described how the very excited children all gathered under the trees after Mass on Christmas Day. He told the Christmas story and also told the children all about St Michael's parish. Everyone prayed for the benefactors and then all sat on the grass. 399 children ate and then about 100 children received second hand clothes and some 50 received small sized blankets. Some 100 needy adults were also fed. A wonderful day. Many thanks to all. Fr Peter is now back in the seminary in Nairobi. *Jan and John*

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.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

Praying together in Worthing

Sunday 25 January, 5-7pm, St Richard's Maybridge

On the second Sunday of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity believers from this part of Sussex are invited to gather, meet and pray together using songs and prayers from the Taizé community. There will be a chance to meet, a short exploration of a piece of scripture and a time of prayer with songs from Taizé. Refreshments and soup at the end of the evening! All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

The next Bereavement Cafe will take place on **Wednesday 28 January** 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.

RTU – SPRING SALE

If anyone has any unwanted Christmas presents, chocolates or bottles of alcohol to donate please place under Elijah's jar for an RTU Spring sale. Date to be arranged. Contact Jenny 07709506199 for collections.

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



