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Sunday, 12th October 2025, 28th Sunday in Ordinary time, Prisoners Sunday

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst
Mass at 11am at Mayfield School Chapel

Bishop Richard encourages everybody to pray on Prisoners' Sunday, especially during the celebration of Mass, and also for parishes, where they can, to hold a Second Collection for the support of [Pact](#), the Prison Advice and Care Trust. Pact has the most wonderful history, and holds a very special place in care for prisoners and their families.

Services during the week

Monday 13th October – Mass at 10am in St Thomas'. Feast of St Edward the Confessor, King

Tuesday 7th October – Holy Half Hour at Mayfield School Chapel at 6pm.

Wednesday 15th October – Mass at 10am in Sacred Heart. Feast of St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor. Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Friday 17th October - Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast of the St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass

Sunday 19th October – Mass at usual times at Sacred Heart and School Chapel.

Harvest Festival 19th October. We will be celebrating the Harvest Festival at Mass in the School Chapel on Sunday 19th October. Parishioners are requested to bring suitable produce to Mass.

World Mission Sunday 19th October. Pope Francis chose the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" and encouraged us to be messengers and builders of hope. Through Missio you can support missionaries everywhere and join Catholics throughout the world in prayer, solidarity and giving in the Jubilee Year of Hope. You can find out more and donate at www.missio.org.uk/world-mission-Sunday-2025/ .

Mass for All Souls Monday 3rd November 7pm at Mayfield School Chapel. A special Mass of Remembrance is being organized by the newly formed joint Wadhurst and Mayfield Ministry of Consolation group. After the Mass refreshments will be served and members of the group who have undergone ministry of consolation training - to accompany those experiencing any sort of loss - will be on hand should you wish to talk to them, be supported or explore how our ministry might evolve. During the Mass we will have a candle lighting ceremony, and parishioners are invited to submit names and photos of loved ones beforehand; they will be prayed for whilst being read out and displayed on a screen. You can email names and photos to wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk. Alternatively, you can complete one of the forms on the last page of the newsletter. handed out after Mass and hand them back by Sunday 26th October at the latest.

For those who are unable to attend the evening Mass in Mayfield, Mass will also be offered at Sacred Heart at 10am. But we would encourage parishioners to attend the special joint Mass. Please let Wadhurst parish know if you need a lift.

Diocesan Annual Volunteer Forum, 15 November, 10am-12 noon, online. The popular Volunteer Forum returns with webinars from the Diocese Property, Health & Safety, Finance, and Gift Aid teams. Registration details to follow.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Reflections Video. The Diocesan video of reflection on this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage can be found at <https://vimeo.com/1053828399?ct=t> .

Pope Leo XIV signed his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I Have Loved You"), earlier this week, on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The document, which focuses on love for the poor, was presented at a press conference in Rome

earlier today. *Dilexi te* was begun by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo; its title echoes Pope Francis' fourth and final Encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. Writing in *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo explains that the love of Christ is incarnated in love for the poor: caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, promoting access to education, accompanying migrants, and more. The Pope also highlights the Church's "preferential option... for the poor", explaining that this "'preference' never indicates exclusivity or discrimination towards other groups", but instead emphasises "God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity". The full text is available at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales (CBCEW) and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience. If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), they would like to hear from you. Project organisers are collecting information through two short (10-20 minute) anonymous online surveys, which are available to complete until 12 January 2026:

- If you are a neurodivergent Catholic adult, [click here](#)
- For the survey for caregivers of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), [click here](#).

Organisers hope that the insights gained as a result of the study will help the Church to become more inclusive and responsive to the needs of neurodivergent Catholics. More locally, the diocesan [Formation Team](#) is planning a project to develop resources and support for neurodivergent people, and those who accompany them in faith and parish life. Over the coming months, they will be listening, gathering ideas, and creating practical tools to help every parish grow in understanding, accessibility, and welcome.

Event Reminders

Catholic Book Club – 16th October. First meeting of the Catholic Book Club will be at Sacred Heart on 16th October starting at 6.30pm. This is now fully subscribed.

Parish Pilgrimage 1 November. We warmly invite members of both communities to join us on Saturday 1 November. There are places still available and we encourage you to come along to this event. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass on Sunday or email Hilda at hildamariah68@gmail.com.

Volunteer Mass and Supper, 6pm on 22nd November at Sacred Heart Wadhurst at 7pm. A reminder to ensure that you sign up if you would like to go to this event. Please note, those on special diets and those who may be sensitive to Nigerian food should bring their own food. Attendance is for volunteers only (both retired and active volunteers). Kindly add your name to the attendance sheet after Mass if you would like to attend.

Pray the Rosary for Peace in October. Pope Leo is encouraging Catholics across the world to pray a daily Rosary for peace this October and to act as "instruments" of peace

Recurring Notices

Mass Intentions. For anyone wanting to ask for an intention please put in an envelope and hand it in at the end of Sunday Mass. If you would prefer the intention to be private, please state this and Father Raymond will include it in his own Tuesday or Thursday Mass.

Parish Registration. For those new to the Parish and for those who have not yet registered, please register at <https://sacredheartchurchwadhurst.org.uk/register/> in order to receive the Parish Newsletter and news of Parish activities. **If you have any concerns about this process please speak to a member of your Pastoral Council.**

Ministry of the Eucharist. Please would you please let Father Raymond know of anybody who requires Holy Communion at home.

Mothers Prayers. Mothers Prayers in Mayfield are held every Monday after Mass at Virginia Longin's House. **The Wadhurst group now meets on the second Friday of the month** at 9.30. They meet in each other's houses. If you would like to come, please phone Clare on 07857 529690 or email Virginia at longinvirginia@yahoo.com

Lifts to Mass. Lifts to Mass can be arranged for anyone who has difficulty getting to Church. Please let Father Raymond or one of the Welcomers know if you need a lift. Also, please let a Pastoral Committee member know if you are able to offer a lift to someone who lives near you.

**Mass for All Souls
Mayfield School Chapel
7pm Monday 3rd November 2025**



You are invited to submit names and photographs of deceased loved ones to be prayed for at a Mass of Remembrance organized by the newly formed joint Wadhurst and Mayfield Ministry of Consolation group. During the Mass we will have a candle lighting ceremony and names and photos of loved ones will be prayed for whilst being read out and displayed on a screen.

Please submit names and also photos, if you would like, to wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk by 26 October at the very latest. All names and photos will be deleted after the Mass. We would prefer names and photos to be emailed but if this is not possible you may submit them by returning the part below to one of the group after Sunday Mass.

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I would like the following name(s) to be included in prayers at Mass for All Souls:

I enclose/ do not enclose a photo

Name..... Tel.....