

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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Sunday, 5th October 2025, 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

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

Services during the week

Monday 6th October – Mass at 10am in St Thomas'. Feast of St Bruno, Priest

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

Wednesday 8th October – Mass at 10am in Sacred Heart. Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Friday 10rd October - Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast of the St John Henry Newman. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass

Sunday 12th October – Mass at usual times at Sacred Heart and School Chapel.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day 3rd October. A reminder to that you can use the CAFOD envelope in church for donations.

Nourish Food Bank. The monthly collection for the food bank is this weekend. Nourish are in desperate need of long-life milk, cereal, tinned spaghetti, beans, pulses, fruit and potatoes. Also washing powder tablets, toiletries, household cleaning products, tea and coffee. Cash donations are also much appreciated. Please leave donations at the back of the Churches.

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. Catholics throughout the world will be sending a powerful message of faith, hope and love on World Mission Sunday. The funds raised build much needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. You can find our more and donate at www.missio.org.uk/world-mission-Sunday-2025/.

Parish Pilgrimage 1 November. We warmly invite members of both communities to join us on Saturday 1 November. Please see that programme at the end of the newsletter. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass on Sunday.

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 or explore how our ministry might evolve. During the Mass we will have a candle lighting ceremony, and parishioners will be invited to submit names and photos of loved ones beforehand; they will be prayed for whilst their names are read out and displayed on a screen. Details about how to submit names and photographs will be provided next Sunday. 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.

Event Reminders

Building the Domestic Church – 4th October 10am to 3pm at St Philip Howard Centre. For more information please go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/og9uwr1i> .

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.

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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: "May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives," he said yesterday, reminding the Arabic-speaking pilgrims present at the Wednesday Audience in Rome that Christians are called "to witness that love and pardon are greater than every wound and stronger than every injustice."

Saint John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman was born in London in February 1801. He grew up in the Church of England and was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1825. However, in 1843 he resigned as a vicar and led an austere, semi monastic life of thought and prayer. In October 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church, and went to Rome and was ordained as a priest in 1847. He returned to England and established the English Oratory. Newman was a prolific writer of letters, sermons and articles, and this continued throughout his life. At the age of seventy-eight he was made a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church by Pope Leo XIII. Newman chose as his cardinalatial motto the words "Cor ad cor loquitur" (heart speaks to heart). He lived out the rest of his days, quietly and prayerfully, and still writing, at the Birmingham Oratory. He died in August 1890. He was beatified in 2010 and declared a saint in 2019. The Vatican has announced that the proclamation of St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) as a Doctor of the Church will take place on 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints, in St Peter's Square.

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.