

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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Sunday, 16th November 2025, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Second collection for retired priests

Services during the week

Monday 17th November – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast day of St Hilda.

Tuesday 18th November – Holy Half Hour at 6pm in Mayfield School Chapel. Anyone wishing to attend the Holy Half Hour is kindly asked to sign in at Reception before making their way to the Chapel.

Wednesday 19th November REDWEDNESDAY – Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart. You are invited to show your support by wearing red and there will be coffee, cakes and hand illustrated bookmarks available for donations after Mass. **Rosary will be at 9.30am before Mass every Wednesday. Confession after Mass or by appointment.**

Friday 21th November – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. The Presentation of the Blessed Mary. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 23rd November - Masses at normal times, second collection for Arundel Cathedral maintenance fund.

REDWEDNESDAY. Aid to the Church in Need (UK) is a Catholic charity, dedicated to supporting and advocating for suffering Christians around the world. Red is the colour of martyrdom and in 2016 ACN established Red Wednesday to highlight Christian persecution globally and to help change the lives of Christian children and families in Africa, the Middle East and other priority areas.

The Presentation of the Blessed Mary. The Presentation of Mary is celebrated in unity with Eastern Christianity, commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. According to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: *“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it”* (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the “temple of the Son of God”.

The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal.

Churches Together in Wadhurst (CTIW) United Advent Service, Sunday 30th November. You are invited to the United Advent Service at 6.30pm in the Parish Church of St Peter & Paul. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. If you would like to join the choir for the service, please come along to a practice on each Friday before the event at 6.30pm in the Parish Church.

Advent Concert, Handel’s Messiah, Arundel Cathedral 6th December. Experience the magic of the season with Arundel Cathedral Choir performing Handel’s Messiah, starting at 7pm. Ticket price £12, book tickets at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/pzwajwkaonmz> .

CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 13 December. The CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in Mayfield School Courtyard from 1030 to 1230. From this Sunday, there will be boxes, for donations of bottles (of any kind) and chocolate for the Bottle Stall and Chocolate Tombola, in the School Chapel on Sundays and in St Thomas’s during the week.

Day of reflection for Ministers of the Word, 24th January, at St Michael's Church Worthing. Led by Bishop Richard 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. Arrival and refreshments from 10.30am. The day begins at 11.00am. Sign up at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5> . Places are booked up fast and based upon the inspiring recent Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion it will be a day of learning and prayer.

Parishioner registration on Churchsuite. There are still significant numbers of parishioners who are still to register on Churchsuite. If you haven't registered, please do so by going to <https://sacredheartchurchwadhurst.org.uk/register/>. If you need assistance to register, please speak to a member of the PCC after Mass who will be able to help you.

Event Reminders

Catholic Book Club 19th November. The next meeting of the Catholic Book Club will be on Wednesday 19th November in the meeting room at the Rose and Crown in Mayfield.

Screening of 'Ocean' Thursday 20th November. This film with David Attenborough, is being shown by Mayfield Climate Action and the Wadhurst & Mayfield Eco Group in St Dunstons Church, Mayfield at 7pm. All welcome.

Volunteer Mass and Supper, 6pm on 22nd November at Sacred Heart Wadhurst with Mass at 7pm. A reminder to ensure that you sign up if you would like to go to this event. Please remember, those on special diets and those who may be sensitive to Nigerian food should bring their own food.

Fundraising Concert for Sacred Heart on Saturday November 29th at 7.30pm. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F, Steve Law will perform this work at Sacred Heart Church All welcome. No ticket required but there will be a retiring collection. The concert will be followed by refreshments.

Quiet Friday, 13 February, 10.15am-3.30pm, Worth Abbey RH10 4SB (Cost: £20). Quiet Fridays are designed to foster a peaceful environment of prayerful silence, offering you time to unwind, reflect, and deepen your awareness of God's presence. Go to <https://worthabbey.net/come-for-a-quiet-friday/> to find out more and book.

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.