

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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Sunday, 23rd November 2025, Christ the King

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Second collection for Arundel Cathedral maintenance fund.

Services during the week

Monday 24th November – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast day of St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs.

Tuesday 25th 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 26th November– Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart. Feast day of St Leonard of Porto Maurizio. Rosary will be at 9.30am before Mass every Wednesday. Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Friday 28th November – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 30th November - Masses at normal times,

Eucharistic Adoration in Advent at St Thomas’s. In each week of Advent there will be an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Thomas’s. The intention is for week 1 and 3 for Eucharistic Adoration to be at 6.30pm in order to allow those who work to attend and for week 2 and 4, for the Eucharistic Adoration to be after Mass on Monday.

The first Eucharistic Adoration will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd December, all parishioners are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration is simply about spending time in the presence of Jesus. In the form of the Eucharist, we can pray before Jesus, truly present before us. Eucharistic Adoration is how we grow in love by being in the presence of God, who is love. Through this, we receive God’s grace and healing and can speak to Him in the quiet of our hearts. It is by this that we are renewed and strengthened for our Christian journey. It is a time of silence, waiting, and emptying ourselves in freedom so He may free and fill us.

Teddy Mayors Toy Appeal 2025. The Mayors Toy Appeal provides Christmas presents to children of families in crisis in and around the Tunbridge Wells area. If you are able to donate new, unwrapped gifts of toys, books, craft items or vouchers please bring them to either church by Sunday 14th December. For more information about what is needed, and a link to their Amazon Wishlist please see the website <https://twmta.co.uk>.

Come and Sing Messiah 29th November. Mayfield Festival Choir invites you to Come & Sing Messiah with them at St Dunstan’s church, Mayfield. Messiah needs no introduction. Whether you’ve sung it many times, or are just wanting to have a go (but don’t know if you dare to), this is the day for you. This is a one-day workshop, starting at 10 am, led by our Music Director Jeremy Summerly, to explore and enjoy some of the major choruses, followed by a performance at 16:00. More information and tickets on sale now at www.mayfieldfestivalchoir.org .

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.

BBC Radio 3, Choral Vespers from Arundel Cathedral, 3pm. Recorded at Arundel Cathedral earlier this month, Choral Vespers with music by James MacMillan, Bevan, Mendelssohn and Oldroyd, will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on the first Wednesday in Advent (the Memorial of St Francis Xavier), for repeat broadcast on 7 December (3pm). You will be able to listen at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002ml87?ct=t>

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.

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

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.

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>

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. Arrival and refreshments from 10.30am. Sign up at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5> . Places are booked up fast so book now!

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.