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Sunday, 30th November 2025, First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Services during the week

Monday 1st December – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast day of Blessed Clementine Anuarite.

Tuesday 2nd December – 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 3rd December – Mass at 11am at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart School will be leading an Advent Mass.

Friday 5th December – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast Day of St John Almond. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

There will be no first Friday Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart on Friday.

Sunday 7th December - Masses at normal times,

BBC Radio 3 Carols Across the Country – a Seasonal Journey, Sunday 30th November. From 6.30am to 6.30pm BBC Radio 3 will be airing 6 programs celebrating the spirit of Advent and Christmas through a rich tapestry of seasonal classical, folk, choral and instrumental music, alongside poetry and local storytelling.

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.

Sacred Heart School Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal 2nd December. Parishioners are invited to the dress rehearsal of the school Nativity performance on Tuesday 2nd December at 11am in the school hall.

Eucharistic Adoration in Advent at St Thomas’s Wednesday 3rd December. The first Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. on Wednesday, all parishioners are welcome. There is no requirement to stay for the whole hour, come along and stay for as long as you can. Eucharistic Adoration is simply about spending time in the presence of Jesus.

CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 13 December. The CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in Mayfield School Courtyard from 1030 to 1230. There are only 2 Sundays left for donations of bottles (of any kind) and chocolate for the Bottle Stall and Chocolate Tombola, please leave donations in the entrance to the School Chapel on these Sundays or in St Thomas’s during the week.

Sacred Heart School Carol Service 17th December. The school Carol service will take place in the Church at 11am on Wednesday 17th December.

Mental Health Awareness Training, 7 February. The number of people experiencing poor mental health is rising. This course will help attendees understand the impact and reality of poor mental health, enabling them to identify the early signs and symptoms and signpost people effectively. The course is from 10am to 3pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, (£40)Book your place <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz>

Christmas Nourish. Throughout Advent our Nourish effort will focus on their Christmas appeal. We will be selling raffle tickets for the next 3 weeks with the prize draw at the 14th December mass. Parishioners are asked to look at the Nourish Christmas wish list, at the end of this newsletter, for food donations for

Masses on 7th and 14th December. Additionally, any cash donations at these Masses will be used to buy tubs of chocolates which Nourish have requested. We hope that your donations will once again provide a much-needed generous contribution to families in need at this special time.

Missio Collection. It's time for your donations to be counted and sent to Missio. Please bring your Red Boxes to the Sacred Heart annexe as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion Preparation. Preparation classes for First Holy Communion will take place at the school from January on Monday afternoons at 3:45-4:45pm. If you have a child who would like to join the group, please speak to Father Raymond or email details to wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk by 17th December.

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 twmta.co.uk.

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

BBC Radio 3, Choral Vespers from Arundel Cathedral, 3rd December 3pm. Recorded at Arundel Cathedral earlier this month, Choral Vespers 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>

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.

Volunteer Mass and Supper

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the fabulous Volunteers Mass and Supper last Saturday, and a particular thank you to Father Raymond for being the inspiration of the evening! It was a great team effort from the Social Group team! The table decorations were lovely, the service excellent and it was amazing how such a small kitchen produced a meal for so many people! A special thank you to Pamela and Agatha who came all the way from Crawley to cook the meal! The result was a really fun celebration for volunteers, with good food, good company and some great dancing!



Nourish
Community Foodbank Charity Number 1199716

12 Days of Christmas

Wish List

- Christmas cake
- Biscuit box
- Chocolate coins
- Custard
- Chocolate selection box
- Gravy granules
- Stuffing mix
- Cereal
- Tinned fish
- Toiletries
- Tea/Coffee
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Soup
- Squash

Once your donations are completed, you can drop your collection to us on **Saturday 13th December**

**Unit 5, Kingstanding Business Park, Kingstanding Way,
TN2 3UP 10am - 4pm**

Or please text FOOD £20 to 70085
This money could pay for Christmas Dinner for a family in crisis this Christmas

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.