

## RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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### **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Third Sunday of Advent**

**Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst**

**Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel**

#### **Services during the week**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Mass with at 10am at St Thomas's.**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart preceded by Rosary.**

**Third Advent Eucharistic Adoration at St Thomas's starting at 6pm**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Confession at Sacred Heart between 10am and 11 am.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Masses at normal times. There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Cross starting at 5pm.**

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

**Carol Service at St Peter & Paul's Church, Wadhurst - Wednesday 17th December at 6.30pm.** We are invited to join the Parish Church congregation for a service of readings and carols.

**Sacred Heart Christmas Eve Carols at 5.45 and Mass at 6pm.** There will be a children's procession to the crib at the start of Mass. It would be lovely if the children could come dressed as characters from the Nativity scene. We would also like a few more singers to lead the Carols. Please speak to Catherine if you would like to take part.

**Christmas Nourish.** Last chance to make a food or cash Christmas donation to Nourish is on Sunday. The Raffle prize draw will be after Mass on Sunday at Sacred Heart. We hope that your donations will once again provide a much-needed generous contribution to families in need at this special time.

**Mayfield and Rotherfield Bereavement Cafe.** Starting from January there will be a Bereavement Café held on the last Friday of the month alternating between Mayfield and Rotherfield. The first one will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January held at the Mayfield Cricket Club. Please see the poster on page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

**Sacred Heart 200 Club.** This month's winner is George O'Rourke. Congratulations!

**Diocesan Directories for 2026** are now available at £5 each. Please pick up from either church.

**Parishioner registration on Churchsuite.** Following Father Raymond's announcement on Sunday regarding Churchsuite registration, there will be a team ready to register parishioners after Mass in the School Chapel. Alternatively you can do it yourself by going to . If you need assistance to register, please speak to a member of the PCC after Mass who will be able to help you.

**Christmas and New Year Services.** The following Masses are planned over the Christmas and New Year Period:

- **Christmas Eve.** Carols at **5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm at Sacred Heart.** Christmas Carols starting at **8.30pm in the Mayfield School Chapel. Midnight Mass will start at 9pm.** After Mass all are invited to mulled wine and mince pies in the School Courtyard.
- **Christmas Day.** Sacred Heart Mass will be at 9am and Mayfield Mass will be in the School Chapel at 11am.
- **Boxing Day.** Mass at Sacred Heart starting at 10am.
- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December.** Mass at normal times in both churches
- **Feast Day of St Thomas of Canterbury Mass 29<sup>th</sup> December.** There will be a Sung Mass in St Thomas's at 10am with the Organ Choir to celebrate the feast day of St Thomas of Canterbury.
- **31<sup>st</sup> December.** Midnight Mass starting at 11pm at Sacred Heart
- **New Year's Day Mass.** Mass at Sacred Heart at 10am.

**Christmas Eve/Day Collection for the Clergy.** Please note that traditionally the Christmas Eve/Day offerings are for our Parish Priest. Please use the blue envelope in the collection envelope box (or pick up an envelope in the annex) for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day collections.

## Event Reminder

**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](mailto:wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk) by 17th December.

**Day of reflection for Ministers of the Word, 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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>

**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](mailto:longinvirginia@yahoo.com)

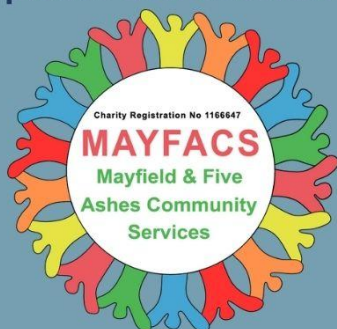
**Lifts to Mass.** Lifts to Mass can be arranged for anyone who has difficulty getting to Church. Please let Father Raymond or one of the Welcomers know if you need a lift. Also, please let a Pastoral Committee member know if you are able to offer a lift to someone who lives near you.

# Bereavement Café

The Bereavement Café is a welcoming, informal space where people who have experienced loss can come together to talk, listen, and share their experiences of grief.

It's not a counselling session, but rather a monthly supportive community gathering that helps reduce isolation and encourages open conversation about loss and healing.

**For more details or directions please don't hesitate to contact us.**



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**WE MEET ON THE  
LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM - 12PM  
ALTERNATELY AT  
MAYFIELD CRICKET CLUB  
TN20 6EA AND  
THE INSTITUTE,  
ROTHERFIELD TN6 3LX**

**FREE TO ATTEND  
DONATIONS WELCOME  
LIMITED SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 - Mayfield  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 - Rotherfield  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Mayfield  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Rotherfield  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Mayfield  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Rotherfield

31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 - Mayfield  
28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2026 - Rotherfield  
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