



## RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

### **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

#### Services during the week

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** –Mass with at 10am at St Thomas's. Fourth Advent Eucharistic Adoration at St Thomas's immediately following Mass. Advent Confessions 1030-1130am.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve services.**

Sacred Heart, Carols at 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

Mayfield School Chapel, Christmas Carols starting at 8.30pm in the. Midnight Mass will start at 9pm. After Mass all are invited to mulled wine and minced pies in the School Courtyard.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day Services.**

Sacred Heart Mass will be at 9am.

Mayfield School Chapel Mass will at 11am.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Boxing Day Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 10am.**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December. Feast of the Holy Family. Mass at normal times at Sacred Heart and Mayfield School Chapel.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Feast Day of St Thomas of Canterbury Mass.** 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.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December. Midnight Mass starting at 11pm at Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January. Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Mass at Sacred Heart at 10am.**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Mass at St Thomas's at 10am. Feast day of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Second Sunday of Christmas. Mass at normal times.**

**Christmas Eve/Day Collection for the Clergy.** A reminder that the Christmas Eve/Day offerings are for our Parish Priest. Please use the blue envelope in the collection envelope box for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day collections. Any cheques to be made out to the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Cross.** A reminder there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Cross starting at 5pm. Advent Confession 5-6pm.

**Sacred Heart Christmas Eve Carols at 5.45 and Mass at 6pm.** A reminder 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.

**Pope Leo XIV appoints Bishop Richard Moth as the new Archbishop of Westminster.** Pope Leo XIV has appointed The Right Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster. Addressing members of our Diocese earlier today, Bishop Richard said: "It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together. "I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

Archbishop-elect Moth will become the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who has served in the role since 2009. Cardinal Nichols will now become Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Westminster until Archbishop-elect Moth is Installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14 February 2026.

**CAFOD Coffee Morning.** Many thanks to both all who helped organise the CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning last Saturday and to all who came to and so generously bought cakes, raffle and tombola tickets, tea, coffee and mulled wine or just made a cash donation. The morning was a great success and raised £1,177.72 for CAFOD!

**Christmas Nourish.** On behalf of Nourish, sincere thanks for the wonderful generosity of the Sacred Heart and St Thomas' churchgoers and the Sacred Heart school throughout 2025. Our combined donations generated £2,442 in cash, of which £1,200 was donated by St Thomas' Summer fete. Our food donations weighed in at 450 kg, of which 215 kg was donated from Sacred Heart School's Harvest Festival. These contributions include our very successful Christmas donations of both cash and Christmas - themed food items. The Christmas raffle prize winners were Estrella Harriman and Sheila Bell. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

**Parishioner registration on Churchsuite.** Thank you to all those who came forward to register at the School Chapel last Sunday, and thank you to those who helped with the registrations. We still have a few more to go. If you haven't registered please do go 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.

**Newsletter.** There will be no Newsletter next week.

## **Event Reminders**

**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.