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Sunday, 7th December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Services during the week

Monday 8th December – Sung Mass with the Organ Choir at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Second Advent Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.

Tuesday 9th December – No Holy Half Hour at the School this week due to the Live Crib (see below).

Wednesday 10th December – Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart. Feast of Our Lady of Loreto.

Friday 12th December – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 14th December - Masses at normal times.

Flower Collection. There will be a collection for flowers after Mass in both churches this weekend. Proceeds will be used to decorate the churches for Christmas and throughout the year.

Mayfield Live Crib, 7th, 8th and 10th December. The Mayfield Live Crib will be on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evening starting at 6.30 pm. Please gather at the Old Bank/Dentist building on the High Street before we process to the School Chapel, where the service of readings and carols will start at 6.45pm. All are welcome, no need to book.

CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 13 December. This is the last Sunday for donations for the CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning. Please give generously for the bottle and chocolate stalls. The Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in Mayfield School Courtyard from 1030 to 1230 on Saturday. 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.

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 28th December.** Mass at normal times in both churches
- **Feast Day of St Thomas of Canterbury Mass 29th 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.
- **31st December.** Midnight Mass starting at 11pm at Sacred Heart.
- **New Year's Day Mass.** Mass at Sacred Heart at 10am.

Sacred Heart Fundraising Concert. A Big Thank you to Steve Law for playing in the fundraising concert at Sacred Heart last weekend. Steve's rendition of Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F was stunning, and hugely appreciated by those who attended the concert, which raised some much-appreciated funds for the parish. Thank you too to Lorna who organised publicity and refreshments on the night.

Christmas Nourish. Throughout Advent our Nourish effort will focus on their Christmas appeal. Raffle tickets are for sale 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.

Donations for Sacred Heart Kitchen. Supplies of ground coffee, tea, sugar and biscuits are needed for coffee after Mass and Welcome Space. There will be a box in the annexe for donations. FairTrade items if possible please. Thank you for your help.

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 at <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

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!

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.



Mayfield

Live Crib

2025

Sunday 7 Dec | Monday 8 Dec | Wednesday 10 Dec
No booking required

PROCESSION FROM MAYFIELD HIGH STREET AT 18:30
SERVICE IN MAYFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL FROM 18:45



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.