

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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Sunday, 11th January 2026, The Baptism of the Lord

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Services during the week

Monday 12th January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot.

Tuesday 13th January - Holy Hour at Mayfield School Chapel at 6pm.

Wednesday 14th January - Mass at 10am Sacred Heart. Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Thursday 15th January - Mass in the School Chapel at 1.45pm on the occasion of Cornelia Connelly's birthday, the Foundress of Mayfield School. For those wishing to attend, please contact Narelle at nmorson@mayfieldgirls.org .

Friday 16th January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of St Fursey. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 18th January. Mass at normal times.

School Chapel. Please note the School term has started and so parishioners are asked to please only use the seats on the left of the main aisle in the chapel.

Sede Vacante: Next steps for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. An explanation of what happens next and how the Diocese is administered following Pope Leo XIV appointing Bishop Richard as the Archbishop of Canterbury on 19th December 2025 can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/sede-vacante-next-steps> .

Pope's January prayer intention: For prayer with the Word of God. With the New Year, Pope Leo XIV has thrown his support behind a renewed initiative known as "Pray with the Pope," which brings his monthly prayer intentions to the Church throughout the world. Pope Leo released his prayer intention for January, and invited everyone to join his monthly prayer intentions under the new "Pray with the Pope" initiative. Formerly known as The Pope Video, the new "Pray with the Pope" initiative seeks to unite the Church behind the Holy Father's daily prayer. January's Pray with the Pope video is at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-leo-xiv-january-prayer-intention-pray-with-pope.html> .

Mayfield Church Council. Father Raymond is pleased to announce the new Mayfield Church Council comprising of Fr Raymond Tumba, OSA, Joseph Treherne, Narelle Morson, Pauline Johnston, Daphne Bagshawe, Steven Moir, George Morris, Hilary Hughes, Thomas Treherne.

Sacred Heart Church. Sacred Heart Church is now open daily for private prayer until 4pm. There will be a holy hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day from 3 to 4pm. All are welcome to come along.

The Sacred Heart Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 12th January. Please pass any items for discussion to Father Raymond or a member of the Committee.

Churches Together Meeting -14th January. The next Mayfield Churches together meeting is at 11am on Wednesday 14th January. Meetings take place monthly at 11.00 on the second Wednesday. We

have coffee, pray together and have time for silent meditation. If you would like to join us please contact marybrentnall@hotmail.com for further details.

Lecture on Lives of St Francis of Assisi and St Clare – 16th January. Richard Hungerford, a Wadhurst parishioner, will give a presentation on the life of St Francis and St Clare on Friday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Annexe.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. There will be lunchtime prayer sessions at 12.15pm on Monday 19th January - at Stonegate Church, Tuesday 20th January - at Wadhurst (Carillon Cottage), Wednesday 21st January - at Sacred Heart Church and Thursday 22nd January - at Tidebrook Church. Following a time of reflection and prayer, a light soup lunch will be served. There will also be a Service of Christian Unity at 6.30pm on Sunday 25th January in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend please email Wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk in order to have an idea of numbers for lunch.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's Ministry in Arundel and Brighton - 30th January. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's Ministry in Arundel & Brighton at 6.30pm in Arundel Cathedral. Archbishop-Elect Richard will celebrate this Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.

Parishioner registration on Churchsuite. If you are new to the Parish or 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.

Event Reminders

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

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.