

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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Sunday, 18th January 2026, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Services during the week

Monday 19th January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of St Wulstan, Bishop.

Tuesday 20th January - Holy Hour at Mayfield School Chapel at 6pm.

Wednesday 21st January - Mass at 10am Sacred Heart. Feast Day of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Friday 23rd January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of St Marianne Cope. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 25th January. Mass at normal times.

Mayfield Church Council. Further to last week's announcement on the composition of the Mayfield Church Council, Father Raymond is pleased to announce the allocation of roles as follows: Fr Raymond Tumba, OSA - President; Thomas Treherne – Chairman Church Council, Narelle Morson – School and Mayfield Church, Pauline Johnston - Safeguarding, Daphne Bagshawe – Liturgy and Choir, Steven Moir – Parish Representative Moderated Parish, George Morris - Member, Hilary Hughes – Tool box officer, Joseph Treherne - Member.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th to 25th January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 starts on Sunday and its central text includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4).

There will be lunchtime prayer sessions at 12.15pm on Monday and Tuesday 19 and 20th January - at Carillon Cottage, Wadhurst, 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. If you are planning to attend please email Wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk in order to have an idea of numbers for lunch.

There will also be a Service of Christian Unity at 6.30pm on Sunday 25th January in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to attend. There is more information on week of prayer on the Churches Together website at <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2026/?ct> .

Catholic Book Club Meeting – 19th February. The Catholic Book Club will be starting its next book, "Can We Trust the Gospels" by Peter Williams at its meeting on 19th February at 6pm at Sacred Heart. The book is available on Amazon. All are welcome, in order to have a feel on numbers please email Daniel White at dcwhite39@btinternet.com.

Lourdes Pilgrimage. Applications for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open. For those who are interested in going or have any questions about what it entails, Susan or Stephen Moir would be very happy to talk to you about it. Further details and the application link can be found at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home?ct> . There will be a second collection on Sunday 8th February for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

The Big Walk – walk 200km in Lent. CAFOD is inviting parishes across our Diocese to join their "[Big Lent Walk](#)" fundraising challenge, walking 200km during the 40 days of Lent and bringing the gift of clean water to our brothers and sisters like Mortikana, aged 70, from southern Ethiopia. Mortikana lives in a rural village, and had to walk six hours each day to collect safe water before CAFOD's local partner built a cement water cistern. Today, the water used by Mortikana is accessible, safe, and doesn't evaporate, allowing Mortikana and members of her community to live with dignity and hope. To participate to help people like Mortikana please go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/?ct=1>

The abortion up to birth amendment (Clause 191) of the [Crime and Policing Bill](#) is now in the House of Lords, with Peers tabling several amendments scheduled for consideration on January 22nd (available on pp. 92-97 [here](#)). Clause 191 - which was introduced by Tonia Antoniazzi MP - would change the law, so that it is no longer illegal for women to perform their own abortion for any reason, including sex-selective purposes, up to birth. If you wish to, to contact members of the House of Lords visit: www.parliament.uk/business/lords/whos-in-the-house-of-lords/get-in-touch-with-members/. Writing to Peers in your own words is believed to be most effective method of communication, although Right to Life also offers a "30 second" contact facility available here: righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthlords

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

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.

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.