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Sunday, 25th January 2026, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sunday of the Word of God

Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Mass at 11.00am at Mayfield School Chapel

Christian Unity Service at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart, Wadhurst

Services during the week

Monday 26th January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops.

Tuesday 27th January - Holy Hour at Mayfield School Chapel at 6pm.

Wednesday 28th January - Mass at 10am Sacred Heart. Feast Day of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor. Confession after Mass or by appointment.

Friday 30th January – Mass at 10am at St Thomas's. Feast Day of St Aedan of Ferns. Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.

Sunday 1st February. Mass at normal times.

Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis, in Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, established in 2019 that the Third Sunday in Ordinary time was to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The day offers an important opportunity for people across our family of faith to celebrate, study and share the Word of God, with the theme for 2026: "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16).

Franciscans announce a Jubilee Year for 2026. The Order of Franciscan Friars Minor has announced that 2026 will be a Franciscan Jubilee Year, with a Plenary Indulgence linked to the Jubilee. Francis of Assisi was born in Italy in 1181 or 1182. After a carefree youth, he converted and the Order of Friars Minor - commonly known as the Franciscans - began. A young woman, Clare of Assisi, wanted to share St Francis' choice of life, with the Order of the Poor Clares originating from her. Pope Leo writes: "In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, [St Francis] continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace. The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation".

Christian Unity Service – Sunday 25th January. Sacred Heart at 6:30pm - please do come along, if you are able, to this important annual event fostering links between our local churches as well as praying for the worldwide church.

Mayfield Church Council Meeting. The first meeting of the Mayfield Church Council will be on Monday 2nd February. If you have items which you would like to be raised please email the Chairman, Tom Treherne whose email address is in the header above.

Church Cribs. The Cribs at Sacred Heart, the School Chapel and St Thomas's will stay in place until the feast of Candlemas on 2nd February. Crib donations are for the Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund of the Catholic Children's Society, which helps families facing a crisis in their lives. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

Sacred Heart Live Streaming of 9am Mass. We hope to start streaming Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart from Sunday 8th February. For safeguarding purposes the link will only be available to known parishioners requesting it, and the recording will only be viewable for 12 hours. Details about requesting the link will be available next week.

Lourdes Pilgrimage. A reminder that 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 (Mayfield) or Clare Kent (Wadhurst) 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> .

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. **This Mass is being livestreamed and can be watched by going to** <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream?ct>

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.

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.

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.