

## RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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### **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 10am St Thomas’s. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday. Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart, 7pm at St Thomas’s.**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast Day of Blessed Christopher of Milan.  
Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Mass at normal times.**

As the School is on half term this Sunday and next, please use seating on both sides of the main aisle in the Chapel.

#### **Stations of the Cross in Lent.**

**Wednesdays in Lent - Sacred Heart.** Sacred Heart will be holding Stations of the Cross every Wednesday in Lent at 6pm.

**26<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm at St Thomas’s.** The Ministry of Consolation will hold a Stations of the Cross focussed on “The journey through grief with our Lord’s consolation”. By walking through the Stations, we connect our own struggles and sufferings with those of Christ.

**Sacred Heart Live Streaming of 9am Mass.** Live streaming of Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart this Sunday 15th February from 8.55am. For safeguarding purposes, the link will only be available to known parishioners requesting it, and the recording will only be viewable for 12 hours. Please email Toni for details at [toni@dalecottage.net](mailto:toni@dalecottage.net).

**Family Fast Day - Friday 27 February.** The CAFOD Family Fast Day is a week Friday. Donation Envelopes will be available at Mass on Sunday 22 February. The second collection on Sunday 1 March will be for the CAFOD Family Fast Day.

**We Dare to Ask Lent Course - Wednesdays during Lent from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb until 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart.** We Dare To Ask is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions each helping to prepare us for Easter and focussing on the promises made at Baptism. It follows a similar format to the material used during Lent during the Jubilee Year - We Dare to Hope. All welcome.

**The Big Walk – walk 200km in Lent.** CAFOD has invited us to join their "[Big Lent Walk](#)" fundraising challenge to raise money for a drinking water project in Ethiopia by walking 200km during the 40 days of Lent. As a community activity, we are looking for 20 people to join us for this challenge – not to walk 200km! All you need to do is commit to walk 5km, 3 miles, on 2 planned fun walk days, dates yet to be confirmed, and to fundraise for the CAFOD Big Walk! Please contact either Sean Dexter, [sean@the-dexters.com](mailto:sean@the-dexters.com) or Joe Treherne to sign up.

**Parish/Churches Newsletter** – The Churches are looking for someone to take over from Sean Dexter to take on the running of the Newsletter? Anyone who may be interested in doing this please contact Toni or Tom respectively. Please email Sean to ask about the role/commitment - [sean@the-dexters.com](mailto:sean@the-dexters.com) .

**World Day of Prayer - Friday 6 March.** This year the service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. Our service will be held in Colkins Mill Church. Please note the earlier time, 11.00, to be followed by soup and bread. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter. All welcome.

**Offertory Donation envelopes.** Starting with the new tax year 26-27 we will no longer be using envelopes to make Gift Aid offertory donations in Mayfield. (This follows the practice in Wadhurst where envelopes were stopped several years ago). Giving by standing order is the best way to support the Parish. This is because the Gift Aid can be processed very quickly and easily when the bank statements are imported monthly into the Gift Aid system, and the risks of banking and handling cash are avoided. It is extremely time consuming to process individual envelopes and many Gift Aid Organisers are finding that banking facilities are being withdrawn. All UK banks are progressively reducing the numbers of local branches so the efficiency of direct giving to the Parish bank account is highly appreciated. Most Mayfield parishioners already donate by standing order, it is our hope that those few who still use envelopes will set up a standing order with their bank.

Chris Hockey is the Parish Gift Aid Organiser for Wadhurst and Mayfield and is available to help in this process. You can contact him by email: [ga.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ga.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk) Mobile 07967389108.

### **Event Reminders**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage.** A reminder that applications for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage are open. For those who are interested in going or have any questions about what it entails, Susan or Stephen Moir or Clare Kent 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> .

**Catholic Book Club Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February.** The Catholic Book Club will be starting its next book, “Can We Trust the Gospels” by Peter Williams at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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 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.



**11am FRIDAY 6 MARCH**  
**Colkins Mill Church**  
**Station Road, Mayfield, TN20 6BT**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026**  
**A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE PREPARED BY**  
**THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF NIGERIA**

**a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on the faith and experiences of the women of Nigeria in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.**

Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme:

**'I WILL GIVE YOU REST'**

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. It is celebrated in over 120 countries beginning in Samoa. Prayer, in native languages, then travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

In Mayfield this provides a wonderful opportunity for our Churches to come together and this year we will be hosted by **Colkins Mill**.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME TO 11am**  
**A simple soup and roll lunch**  
**will be available after the service.**

**DO COME AND JOIN US!**

For further information: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>