

## RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD AND WADHURST

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### **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 5<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 9<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast Day of St Teilo**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Holy Hour at Mayfield School Chapel at 6pm.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Mass at 10am at Sacred Heart. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**Confession after Mass or by appointment.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 10am at St Thomas’s. Feast Day of Blessed Jordan of Saxony.**

**Confession after Mass or by appointment. Rosary Group following Mass.**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Mass at normal times.**

**Sacred Heart Live Streaming of 9am Mass.** Live streaming of Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart starts this Sunday 8th 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).

**Sunday is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.** Modern Slavery is taking place across the world, including in our Diocese, it is a human rights violation which has very serious consequences for the health and wellbeing of survivors with victims often hidden away, unable to leave their situation, or reticent to come forward because of fear or shame. St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947), whose feast day is today, is the patron saint of victims of human trafficking. She was born in Sudan and when aged 7 was kidnapped and sold many times in Sudan and Italy before gaining her freedom in 1889. She became a sister at the Canossian Daughters of Charity. For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent. She also travelled and visited other convents telling her story to other sisters and preparing them for work in Africa. The Caritas Social Action Network suggest 3 actions you can take on this International Day of Prayer at <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/the-feast-day-of-st-bakhita-2026/>.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage. The second collection on Sunday** will be a special appeal for donations to support the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. The pilgrimage relies on the generous help and support of people across the Diocesan family to provide financial help to many Assisted Pilgrims, and those who will care for them during our pilgrimage week. 59 diocesan parishes held a collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage last year, with donations enabling the pilgrimage team to offer vital subsidies amounting to more than £60,000 to pilgrims who in other circumstances could not begin to contemplate the journey. Please give generously.

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 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>.

**Pope Leo's prayer intention for February.** For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Installation of Archbishop-Elect Richard in Westminster Cathedral – 14<sup>th</sup> February.** The program for the Solemn Pontifical Vespers on 13<sup>th</sup> February and the Installation for Archbishop- Elect Richard can be found at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/installation-info/> . Both services will be livestreamed and the links to watch are provided in the above URL.

**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. All welcome

### Event Reminders

**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.

**Lent talk at Worth Abbey 14<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am-1pm.** Join Abbot Mark and draw on the wisdom of the desert, and monastic tradition, to explore how Christian faith teaches us to tell the truth about ourselves and God. To find out more and reserve your place go to <https://worthabbey.net/upcoming-worth-abbey-pilgrims-dates-for-your-diary-2026/?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).

**London Jesuit Centre Lent Retreat in Daily Life, from 21 February, 4pm-5.30pm, online (Cost: £125).** Take extra time for prayer and reflection during the course of your everyday life this Lent with this online retreat -which includes a weekly individual meeting with a trained retreat guide. For details <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/hsjxbttn?ct> .

### 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 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.