

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

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REFLECTION

Father Raymond: What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This feast is known as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonisation of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will about this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates are opened through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

PARISH NEWS:

Wadhurst & Mayfield Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: 18–20 September 2026

We are delighted to invite our parishioners to join our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham - England's most ancient Marian shrine and a place of pilgrimage since 1061. We will travel on Friday 18th September, staying Friday and Saturday night, and returning home after Sunday lunch on the 20th. Fr Raymond will be with us and the weekend will include Mass, walking the Holy Mile, shrine activities, and precious time together as a parish community deepening our faith. Accommodation is **full board** at the Shrine itself and the cost is a reasonable £188 per adult or £113 for children for the weekend. Places are limited and a £40 non-refundable deposit per person is required to secure your place. Please register your interest with Hilda at Hildmariah68@gmail.com as soon as possible or email any questions you may have. This is a rare and special opportunity - England's Nazareth awaits!

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Programme of Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration at Sacred Heart

2.00pm	Adoration/Confession
2:30 – 3:30pm	Mass/ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
3:45pm	Mass Lunch

Pope Leo has invited women and men of goodwill across the world to join him in praying for peace at [5pm this Saturday \(11 April\)](#). The Pope said he welcomed the news of a - albeit fragile - two-week ceasefire in Iran "as a sign of deep hope" and emphasised that "only through a return to the negotiating table can we bring the war to an end."

St Thomas's Keys:

Please could all those who have a key to St Thomas' Church, Mayfield contact Tom Treherne – trehernethomas@gmail.com

Come & Sing Fauré Requiem at Mayfield – All Welcome!

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a *Come and Sing* performance of the Fauré Requiem in the Chapel of Mayfield School on **Saturday 27th June 2026. Rehearsal: 15:00-17:45, Performance: 18:30-19:30**

Mayfield's combined choirs - alongside string ensemble, harp, organ, trumpet, timpani, and two soloists from the Royal Academy of Music - promise a beautiful evening of music.

Singer tickets: £13.50 (free for under 18s), With music hire: £20.50 (£7 under 18s)

Audience tickets: Free (booking recommended due to limited Chapel capacity)

A retiring collection will support music making at Mayfield.

Book your tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/108693>

Nourish

A big thank you to Wadhurst and Mayfield parishioners for Nourish Easter donations during March this year. We collected £601, including £211 from the raffle and £150 from our lenten lunch enjoyed by both Wadhurst and Mayfield parishioners. Many thanks to Clare and Noel for hosting the lunch. Food and Easter egg donations, including a wonderful Sacred Heart School contribution, weighed in at 116Kg for food and 118 Easter eggs. Thanks to all for a magnificent effort.

Rosary:

After Friday 10am Mass at St Thomas'. Wednesdays Sacred Heart 9.30am.

Mothers Prayers:

Monday after 10am Mass at Virginia Longin's

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY	9am Sacred Heart 11am Mayfield School Chapel
MONDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Martin I</i>
TUESDAY	6pm Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel
WEDNESDAY	10am Sacred Heart
THURSDAY	(PRIVATE MASS)
FRIDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield
SATURDAY	(PRIVATE MASS)

CONFESSIONS:

After Monday, Wednesday or Friday mass or by appointment.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please visit <https://sacredheartchurchwadhurst.org.uk/register/>