

## 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:

#### Mass for Baby and Child Loss at Sacred Heart Church, Wadhurst on Saturday 16th May 10.30am.

This is a mass of consolation especially for parents who have lost a child recently or long ago, whether during pregnancy, during birth or at any stage of life after birth, as well as their families and friends; and all parishioners are also welcome. Parents are invited, if they wish, to submit the name and photo of their child (see invitation form at end of newsletter), which will be read out and displayed on a screen during mass. There will also be a candle lighting ceremony. Names and photos can either be emailed to [moc.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:moc.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk) or there will be forms available at the end of mass which can be completed and returned. The deadline for submissions is Sunday 10th May. After the mass, please join us for refreshments. Members of the Ministry of Consolation who have undergone special training - to accompany those experiencing loss - will be on hand should you wish to talk to them. If anyone from Mayfield church needs a lift to this mass, please let one of the Ministry of Consolation members know (Monica, Kate, Mary B. and Angela).

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**Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life 19 April at 4:30 pm  
Sacred Heart Wadhurst**

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

We are delighted to invite parishioners to join our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham - England's most ancient Marian shrine and a place of pilgrimage since 1061. We travel on 18 September, staying two nights and returning home after Sunday lunch on the 20th. Fr Raymond will be with us for a weekend that includes Mass, walking the Holy Mile, shrine activities, and precious time together as a parish community. Accommodation is full board at the Shrine itself. The cost is £188 per adult or £113 for children. A £40 non-refundable deposit per person is required to secure your place. The attached brochure includes all the information you need, including full payment details. Places are limited - please register your interest as soon as possible by contacting Hilda at [hildamariah68@gmail.com](mailto:hildamariah68@gmail.com). Sign-on sheets will also be available at both parishes this weekend if you prefer. *England's Nazareth awaits — we hope you will join us!*

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Rosary:

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

## Mothers Prayers:

Monday after 10am Mass at Virginia Longin's

## Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life 19 April at 4:30 pm Sacred Heart Wadhurst

In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time.

## MASS TIMES:

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

## CONFESSIONS:

After Monday, Wednesday or Friday mass or by appointment.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

## Mass for Baby and Child Loss

Sacred Heart Church, Wadhurst 10.30am Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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You are invited to submit the name and photo of your child, if you wish, which will be read out and displayed on a screen during mass. There will also be a candle lighting ceremony. Names and photos can either be emailed to [moc.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:moc.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk) or this form can be completed and returned to one of the welcomers at Wadhurst or Ministry of Consolation in Mayfield. The deadline for submissions is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. All names and photos will be deleted after the mass.

After the mass, please join us for refreshments. Members of the Ministry of Consolation who have undergone special training - to accompany those experiencing loss - will be on hand should you wish to talk with them.

If anyone from Mayfield church needs a lift to this mass, please let one of the Ministry of Consolation members know. They are: Monica, Kate, Mary B. and Angela.

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I would like the following to be included by name in prayers at the Mass for Baby and Child loss.

Child's name: (this can be a first name and surname, only a first name or perhaps baby ... (add the surname of parents);

Name of person submitting this form;

*I enclose/ do not enclose a photo*