

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

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JESUS, THE GATE TO THE SHEEPFOLD

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A, Good Shepherd Sunday, invite us to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock. This image shows Jesus' deep love and care for each of us. We are reminded to trust in His guidance and protection. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is consoling and comforting. He knows each one of us by name and loves us deeply. He calls us to follow Him and promises to lead us to eternal life.

In John 10:1-10, Jesus says his sheep hear His voice and follow Him. This shows the close relationship Jesus wants with each of us, guiding us through life's challenges. As we reflect on this image, we can ask ourselves if we are listening to Jesus' voice in our daily lives. Are we following His teachings and trusting in His care? The Good Shepherd invites us to a relationship of love, trust, and obedience. He guides us to the gates of heaven, however, we ought to hear His voice and follow. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what He asks.

Peter calls for repentance and baptism. He tells the people to turn away from their sins and follow Jesus. This turning away from sin and toward Jesus is essential for our spiritual journey. In following Jesus, we may face suffering and difficulties. 1 Peter 2:20b-25 reminds us to follow Christ's example of patient suffering. As a community of believers, we are not alone in our journey. We are part of a larger community of believers, the Church, led by Christ Himself. As members of this community, we are called to support and care for one another, just as the Good Shepherd cares for His sheep. Baptism brings us into this community and fills us with the Holy Spirit. In Acts, many were baptized and became part of the early Church. This sense of community strengthens our faith and helps us grow together. Being part of the Church means we support each other in our faith journey. We find comfort in our shared belief in the Good Shepherd who suffered for us.

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 or at any stage of life after birth, as well as their families and friends; all parishioners are also welcome.

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Parents are invited, if they wish, to submit the name and photo of their child, which will be read out and displayed on a screen during mass to moc.wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk. There will also be forms available at the end of mass. The deadline for submissions is Sunday 10th May.

If anyone from Mayfield church needs a lift, please ask one of the Ministry of Consolation members (Monica, Kate, Mary B. and Angela).

Eucharistic Congress - London

Save the Date: Saturday, 10th October 2026: It is confirmed by the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales that the next Eucharistic Congress will take place in London on Saturday 10th October 2026. The day will start with Holy Mass followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be various events throughout the day. More details to follow.

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

Please could parishioners who are keen to come along please confirm this week as the deposits are due **5th May**. Places are filling fast. Just a reminder our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham - England's most ancient Marian shrine is from 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. Please contact Hilda at hildamariah68@gmail.com or talk to anyone in the Pastoral Council.

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>

Sunday 3rd May: Please note that there will be no 11am Sunday mass in the Mayfield School Chapel. There will be a 6pm vigil at St Thomas' instead.

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,
TUESDAY	6pm Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel, <i>Feast Day of St Peter Chanel</i>
WEDNESDAY	10am Sacred Heart, <i>Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena</i>
THURSDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS) Feast Day of St Pius V</i>
FRIDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker</i>
SATURDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of St Athanasius</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 16th 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 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 10th 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