

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

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FROM THE DIOCESAN BULLETIN

Our month of prayer for priestly vocations continues this weekend, with people across our community of faith asked to pray for the gift of discernment for young people. The word vocation comes from the Latin “vocare”, meaning “to call.” Everyone has a vocation, our first call is to love God and to be holy, or as Pope Francis put it: “to be saints is not a privilege for a few but a vocation for everyone.”

To discern a vocation is to discover the person God wants you to be. The first step is to take seriously that God has called you to be a baptised person. He called you to baptism so that you could grow in love and in holiness of life, not only for your own sake but for the sake of others to whom you are sent. In your work, you may be called to be their teacher or their workmate or their boss. In your state of life, you may be called to be their marriage partner or their priest, or deacon, or their religious sister. You are called to serve and to call others.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill introduced by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater, and strongly opposed by the Catholic Church, will not become law in the current session of Parliament, following the conclusion of the Committee Stage in the House of Lords. The announcement comes as [new polling](#) suggests that the Bill would potentially fail if it were reintroduced to the House of Commons, with analysis revealing there have been near-unprecedented levels of opposition to the proposed legislation in the House of Lords.

The Catholic Church opposes the legalisation of assisted suicide out of profound concern for the good of every person in society. Life is a gift from God and remains equally valuable even in times of suffering, it is to be cherished at all stages from conception until natural death.

[Speaking on Friday](#), Archbishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the CBCEW, said: “I wish to express gratitude to all those parliamentarians who have worked tirelessly to preserve the dignity of every human life and ensure

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that end-of-life care remains rooted in compassion and respect until the natural end of life...

“I am also deeply thankful to all who have supported parliamentarians in so many ways, including lobbying... prayer, and writing to parliamentarians.

“These debates have once again drawn attention to the profound needs of vulnerable people at the end of life. True compassion is never about hastening death, but about accompanying one another with care, love and hope until their natural end. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this discussion, which has underlined the urgent need for improved access to high-quality palliative care.”

Nourish. This Sunday we will have our monthly collection for the Nourish Community Foodbank. Items in short supply include long-life milk, baked beans & tinned spaghetti, cereals, spreads like jam, peanut butter & marmite, tea, coffee, biscuits, toiletries, cleaning products and toilet rolls. Any donations of food or cash are much appreciated.

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. 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.

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. More details to follow.

Parish Pilgrimage. Thank you so much to all those who have expressed interest in our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham this September - it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm for this very special weekend.

A few people have encountered difficulties with the bank account name used previously.

Please use the following updated details when making your £40 deposit:

Account Name: Rcd A&B The Sacred Heart Wadhurst

Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11077198 Reference: WAL5 + your name

A reminder that the deadline for deposits is Tuesday 5th May. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Hilda Havran on 07710 848 541 or hildamariah68@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>

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
	6pm SATURDAY Vigil at St Thomas' Mayfield
MONDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield
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/>

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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