

## RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

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### Fr RAYMOND'S REFLECTION

#### SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Today the Church's heart beats with joy as we honour two pillars of faith — Peter, the rock upon which Christ built His Church, and Paul, the chosen vessel who carried the Gospel to the nations.

They were different in temperament, background, and mission, yet united in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. What could unite a fisherman from Galilee and a scholar from Tarsus so completely that they would both lay down their lives for the same cause? The answer is simple and profound: the love of Christ that conquered their hearts.

**Peter: The Rock Forged in Mercy.** Peter was bold, sometimes impetuous, quick to speak and quick to act. He confessed Jesus as the Christ, yet also denied Him in fear. But the Lord did not cast him aside, instead, he restored him with three simple words: "Feed my sheep." From that moment, Peter's courage was no longer rooted in his own strength, but in the mercy of God. He became the steadfast shepherd, guiding the early Church through storms of persecution.

**Paul: The Vessel Chosen in Grace.** Paul's story is one of radical transformation. Once a persecutor of Christians, he was struck down on the road to Damascus, not by wrath, but by a light that revealed the truth. From that day, Paul's life became a race to proclaim Christ to every corner of the known world. He endured shipwrecks, beatings, imprisonment, yet he could say, "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*"

**Unity in Mission:** Peter and Paul were not identical. They sometimes disagreed, even sharply. But their differences did not divide them, they sharpened the Church's witness. Peter anchored the faith in Jerusalem; Paul carried it to the Gentiles. Together, they remind us that the Church is both rooted and missionary, both faithful to tradition and open to the Spirit's call to new horizons.

Both apostles sealed their testimony with their blood in the city of Rome. Peter was crucified upside down, deeming himself unworthy to die as his Lord had died.

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### newsletter submissions:

Deadline for submissions to the parish newsletter is by midnight every Wednesday, as some items come in late and cannot be included in time for the newsletter to be circulated.

Paul was beheaded, a Roman citizen executed swiftly, but not before pouring out his life as a libation for Christ. Their deaths were not defeats, they were victories, for they proclaimed that Christ is worth everything.

We are not called to be Peter or Paul. We are called to be ourselves, transformed by the same grace that changed them. Like Peter, we must let Christ's mercy heal our failures. Like Paul, we should let Christ's mission set our hearts on fire. And like both, we ought to stand firm in faith, even when the cost is high.

Brothers and sisters, let us honour Peter and Paul not only with our lips, but with our lives. Let us be rocks of faith in our families, and messengers of hope in our communities.

And when our race is finished, may we, like them, hear the voice of the Lord say:

"Well done, good and faithful servant — enter into the joy of your Master."

Amen.

## PARISH NEWS:

### Norbertines return to Bayham

The Norbertines, or White Canons, now based in Peckham, will be returning to the ruins of their former house of Bayham Abbey, near Lamberhurst, on **Saturday 11 July** for a day celebrating their special liturgy. There is no charge for this event which **begins at 10.45** with chant workshop and lectures, ending with **Sung Mass at 3 pm**. If staying for the day, bring your own picnic lunch.

The chant workshop is fully booked, but if you are coming anyway, to ensure enough parking, please let the organisers know at: [info@scholagregoriana.org](mailto:info@scholagregoriana.org)

Further details can be found on the English Heritage website.

### Sacred Heart Flower Team

The flower team at Sacred Heart are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the flower arranging at church. If you would like to find out more about what is involved and feel you could help, we would be delighted to hear from you. For further information; please speak to Victoria Thompson or email

[wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk).

### Live Streaming of Mass

9am Mass is now live streamed from Sacred Heart Church each Sunday via YouTube. The channel is not a public one, so anyone requiring access should request the link by emailing [wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wadhurst@abdiocese.org.uk).

The channel is live between 9am and 8pm each Sunday. Mass can be viewed at any time during this period by rewinding to the start. Please email the above address if you would like more information.

### Nourish

Thank you for your donations last week. We collected £135 in cash and 16 kilograms of food. Our next Nourish collection is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Donations of tinned, dry goods, toiletries and cleaning supplies are all most welcome. Cash donations are also appreciated. Please leave donations in the annexe or at the back of the church.

### Rosary:

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

### Mothers Prayers:

Monday after 10am Mass at Virginia Longin's Wadhurst, 2nd Friday of the month.

### Mayfield School Chapel:

Parishoners are reminded to leave via the 6<sup>th</sup> Form centre at the back of the chapel after Sunday Mass.

### Parking outside Mayfield School Chapel This Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> June)

Please could parishoners avoid parking in front of the chapel this Sunday. Walk if possible or park in the lower carpark or behind the school reception.

## MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY	<b>9am</b> Sacred Heart, <i>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul</i> <b>11am</b> Mayfield School Chapel
MONDAY	<b>10am</b> St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield
TUESDAY	<b>6pm</b> Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel, <i>The First Martyrs of the See of Rome</i>
WEDNESDAY	<b>10am</b> Sacred Heart, <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>
THURSDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of St Oliver Plunket</i>
FRIDAY	<b>10am</b> St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle</i>
SATURDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>

## CONFESSIONS:

After Monday, Wednesday or Friday mass or by appointment.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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