

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

PARISH NEWS:

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Sunday is the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 9 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart will start with a procession and Rosary.

FATHER RAYMOND HOLIDAY (17 – 31 AUGUST)

Sacred Heart Church will be closed while Father Raymond is away and there will be no daily Holy Hour at 3pm. Sunday Masses will be covered by a visiting priest but there will be no weekday Masses.

There will be Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion on Monday and Friday at St Thomas' and Rosary at Sacred Heart as usual at 9.30 on Wednesdays followed by Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

If you need a priest urgently while Father is away please contact Father Gus at Crowborough Tel: 07895 876119

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

SHEILA WORDSWORTH

Sheila's funeral was held on Monday 3rd August in St Augustin's church Tunbridge Wells, attended by family and friends. Sheila was born in Salford, Manchester in 1935, the youngest of nine siblings. After training at Sedgely Park Teacher training college she taught in the North of England and also at St Augustine's primary school Tunbridge Wells.

Sheila met and married her husband Allan in Salford, a marriage that lasted 68 years. Having moved south they lived in Tunbridge Wells for many years before moving to Mayfield and attending St Thomas of Canterbury church. It's during this time that Sheila became involved with the many parish activities, helping with coffee mornings, the World day of prayer, Summer Fayre and singing in the music group. After twenty five years living in Mayfield Sheila and Allan moved back to Tunbridge Wells and once again attended Mass at St Augustine's.

NOURISH

We continue to support the Nourish 'Holiday Hunger' campaign. This is to provide a range of snacks and other lunch items for children who will miss out on free school lunches through the school holidays. Nourish have asked in particular for cereal bars, crisps, snack bars, hot dogs, jars of spreads such as peanut butter or chocolate spreads, tinned fruit and tinned meatballs. Items can be left in the Nourish box at any time. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

ROSARY: After Friday communion service at St Thomas' and Wednesdays Sacred Heart 9.30am.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Monday after 10am communion service at Virginia Longin's. Wadhurst, 2nd Friday of the month.

MAYFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL: Parishioners are reminded to leave via the 6th Form centre at the back of the chapel after Sunday Mass.

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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.

DIOCESAN/EXTERNAL NEWS:

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 2026 CANCELLATION

Following the wonderful news that our Diocese is to be blessed with a new Bishop, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, we have been advised that a Mass of Welcome, which he has asked to celebrate on Saturday 24th October at Worth Abbey, will clash with the diocesan trip to Walsingham. This clash is unavoidable as there are many circumstances leading to the choice of date and Fr Stephen is very keen to meet the people as soon as possible after his episcopal ordination. The decision has therefore been taken to cancel the Walsingham Pilgrimage for this year.

Please note that our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham will still take place from 18-20th September.

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON

Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. The Mass for Altar Servers is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk Poster attached for use in your parish.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE - STANDARD TICKET PRICE £20

Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is **"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)**. From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day.

Booking for retreat days is available through the events page of the Diocesan website at the following churches:

- **St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026** [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **St Richard's Parish, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026** [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)
- **Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027** [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

The day will include guest speakers, discussion groups, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Lectio Divina, Spiritual Direction and Scripture art. Any questions about these events should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer [E:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk)

MASS/LITURGY/HOLY COMMUNION TIMES:

Feast Days/Intentions

SUNDAY	9am Sacred Heart, 11am Mayfield School Chapel
MONDAY	10am Liturgy of The Word & Holy Communion: St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield
TUESDAY	6pm Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.30am Rosary followed by Liturgy of The Word & Holy Communion: Sacred Heart, <i>Feast Day of St John Eudes</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Feast Day of St Bernard</i>
FRIDAY	10am Liturgy of The Word & Holy Communion St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Pius X</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Feast Day of Our Lady, Mother and Queen</i>

CONFESSIONS:

Will not be available whilst Fr Raymond is away from 17 – 31 August

PARISH REGISTRATION

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