

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

PARISH NEWS:

SHEILA WORDSWORTH'S FUNERAL MASS

Sheila's funeral mass will be at **10am on Monday 3 August** at **St Augustine's Tunbridge Wells**. Anyone who remembers her and would like to join the mass, is very welcome.

HOLY HOUR (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

This First Friday 7th August Sacred Heart 9am

VOLUNTEERS WANTED WELCOME SPACE

Can you spare two hours a month on a Thursday to help prepare and serve lunch for our very warm and friendly group meeting from 12.30 to 2.30? We need two volunteers present each time. Due to other commitments, we are currently very short of volunteers. If you would like to know more, please contact Clare Kent (mapleclare@aol.com).

A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Twelve parishioners from Wadhurst, Mayfield and Burwash joined over 740 pilgrims from across our diocese on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Here most of our group are gathered in the underground Basilica after the International Mass. We prayed for all in our parish and placed petitions at the grotto.

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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.



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.

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.

HELP TRANSFORM A YOUNG GIRL'S FUTURE

At our post-Mass coffee morning on Sunday 12th July, you may have heard the appeal to support a transformational bursary place for a girl to join Mayfield School in 2027.

Transformational Bursaries provide 80%-110% financial assistance to talented young people whose families could not otherwise afford a Mayfield education. They offer life-changing opportunities, enabling girls to flourish academically, personally and spiritually.

Mayfield's long-term goal is to raise £1.5 million annually to fund transformational bursaries and widen access to the School. The current appeal seeks £250,000 to support two Sixth Form bursaries for girls whose families are living on Universal Credit. Since the fund launched in May, £110,000 has already been pledged and donated.

Every gift, whatever the amount, will help open doors, nurture potential and change a young person's future.

If you would like to support this transformative opportunity, please click here [Support US | Mayfield Foundation](#).

Thank you for helping to change a life through the gift of education.

ROSARY:

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

HOLY HOUR (DIVINE MERCY)

Is held every day from 3-4pm at The Sacred Heart Wadhurst

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 6th Form centre at the back of the chapel after Sunday Mass.

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

People across our family of faith have welcomed comments made by the Labour Prime Minister Andy Burnham, on the [Terminally Ill Adults End of Life Bill](#). The Bill - which was re-introduced to Parliament by Lauren Edwards MP in June - is due to be voted on in the House of Commons on Friday 11 September despite strong opposition from Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups, and significant ethical and medical concerns raised by organisations including the British Geriatrics Society, The Association of Palliative Medicine, Disability Rights UK and The Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Call to Action, Wednesday 5 August, 7pm St Michael's RC Church, Worthing, BN13 3AL

Join Dr Dominic Whitehouse, Consultant in End of Life Care, as he explains the current position on the bill - it is essential to [contact your MP](#) to urge that they vote against the Bill, even if you contacted them last year. No need to book, all are welcome.

MASS TIMES:

Feast Days/Intentions

SUNDAY	9am Sacred Heart, 11am Mayfield School Chapel <i>For all the deceased members of all the Cornelians: every first Sunday of the Month till December</i>
MONDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield <i>For Barnabi's birthday and well-being</i>
TUESDAY	6pm Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel <i>Feast Day of St John Mary Vianney</i>
WEDNESDAY	10am Sacred Heart, <i>Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>
THURSDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
FRIDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Sixtus II and his Companions, Martyrs</i>
SATURDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of St Dominic</i>

CONFESSIONS:

After Monday, Wednesday or Friday mass or by appointment.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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