

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

PARISH NEWS:

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

'O God, eternal and loving Shepherd,
we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant,
Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.
May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and
fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and
govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work
together to build up the kingdom of heaven.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for
and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.'

VOLUNTEERS PARTY SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Deadline - 4th October to confirm attendance. Signup sheets
will be available at both churches.

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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.



WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

A group of 16 parishioners, together with Father Raymond, made a wonderful and uplifting pilgrimage to Walsingham at the weekend. Father celebrated a special Mass in the Slipper chapel for us; we walked the Holy Mile alongside several hundred pilgrims from the Diocese of Westminster together with Archbishop Moth; we shared meals, fellowship and visits to the Holy places together. It was a weekend rich in prayer, faith and communion. A truly blessed occasion.

HARVEST MASS (MAYFIELD) SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

The Harvest Mass will be celebrated at 11am in Mayfield School Chapel. We are donating all produce to Nourish. Nourish have asked for the actual produce rather than money and they would like the following:

FRESH & TINNED VEGETABLES - FRESH & TINNED FRUIT - TINNED MEAT & TINNED FISH

Please bring all produce in attractive baskets to the Narthex at the back of the chapel before Mass. The produce will then be processed up at the Offertory.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/HARVEST MASS (WADHURST) SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

We would love to celebrate 'Grandparents Day' with our Harvest Mass as a harvest of love and gratitude. Instead of traditional harvest bounty please bring food suitable for our Nourish collection. There will be activities for the children and refreshments after Mass

CAFOD DEBT CRISIS PETITION & FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD is calling for two things:

1. Debt Crisis Petition: There is a Global Debt Crisis in low income countries. CAFOD has a petition to sign asking to pass a Debt Justice Law and to Lead a Global Reform. The petition can be signed online and after Mass this Sunday in both Sacred Heart and the Convent Chapel
2. Family Fast Day: CAFOD Family Fast Day will be on Friday the 2nd of October. Envelopes will be available should you wish to Giftaid your donation and will be collected on Sunday the 4th of October.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHAPEL

Mayfield School extends its heartfelt thanks to our Parish community, Old Cornelians and parents for their generosity in supporting the purchase of a new chapel organ and speaker system.

As one of the first initiatives funded through the School's new Annual Fund, launched in June, we are delighted to announce that £41,278, including Gift Aid, has been raised. This outstanding achievement reflects the incredible kindness, loyalty and commitment of our supporters.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this important appeal and helped make this vision a reality. We now look forward to the installation of the new organ and speaker system ahead of Live Crib in December.

To find out more about the School's Annual Fund, please click here, [Annual Fund - Mayfield School](#).

BISHOP STEPHEN WANG will be installed as our new bishop at Arundel Cathedral in October, with invited members of the Diocese. He will then celebrate a Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey on **Saturday 24th October, at 11:30am**, and all are welcome. Parking at Worth is very limited, therefore we encourage you to come by coach. The finer details of pick-up points and timings will be finalised nearer the time. If you would like to come on the coach to Mass, please register your interest here:

<https://lewesparish.churchsuite.com/-/forms/gtkkhjmu>

GODSPELL

After months of transformation, the newly refurbished Wadhurst Parish Church plans a community production of Godspell on 18th, 19th and 20th March 2027. Do you love to sing? Do you love to perform? Or perhaps work as part of the production team on wardrobe, sound, lighting or props?

As well as parts for lead roles and ensemble there is an opportunity to join a brand-new Gospel Choir. If you would like to be involved in any way, please join us at an Informal Workshop on Thursday 1st October 7 to 9pm, at Wadhurst Parish Church. Performers must be aged 15+.

To register your interest or find out more please email info@carillon-cottage.org.uk.

WADHURST CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 4TH- 6TH December

We invite every parishioner including children to create one Christmas decoration in the form of a brightly coloured heart in any medium – painting, crochet, knitting, drawing – any design you want to come up with. These can be placed in a box in the Sacred Heart annexe to be displayed on a tree at the festival in the Wadhurst parish church. The tree will then be brought back so that we can enjoy it for the Christmas season. The decorations will be made available for sale in aid of church funds at a special celebration after Mass on Sunday 13th December.

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.

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

DIOCESAN/EXTERNAL NEWS:

CHURCH FIRST AID TRAINING AT THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY ON SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER. COST £60

If you are involved in leading a group in your Parish (particularly Sacramental Preparation and would like to complete a first aid course tailored specifically for your needs, then please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will send you information about the training taking place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley on 24 October. Basic life support training will be offered, as well as how to respond to allergic reactions and other life threatening situations. Certificate valid for 3 years.

ONLINE FORUM ON SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 10AM – NOON

Please save the date for our autumn Finance Forum, open to all members of parish stewardship and finance teams, as well as health & safety representatives. A range of topics, including feedback from the 2025 audit and the latest updates from our insurers, will be covered.

MASS/LITURGY/HOLY COMMUNION TIMES:

Feast Days/Intentions

SUNDAY	9am Sacred Heart 11am Mayfield School Chapel
MONDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of St Wenceslaus</i>
TUESDAY	6pm Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel, <i>Feast Day of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>
WEDNESDAY	10am Sacred Heart, <i>Feast Day of St Jerome</i>
THURSDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>
FRIDAY	10am St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, <i>Feast Day of The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
SATURDAY	<i>(PRIVATE MASS), Feast Day of The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex</i>

CONFESSIONS: After Monday, Wednesday or Friday mass or by appointment.

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