Sunday 15th November 2026 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

RC CHURCHES OF MAYFIELD & WADHURST

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

PARISH NEWS:

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN

Bishop Stephen has written a message for people across our family of faith, highlighting his support for the Pastoral Plan and reflecting on the joy of his first few weeks as Bishop. In his 'Note to the People of the Diocese', he gives thanks for the warm welcome he has received since moving to Sussex in October and shares his hopes for the months ahead, including getting to know the people and places of the Diocese through visits to parishes, schools and local communities. Please keep Bishop Stephen in your prayers as he continues his ministry as shepherd of our Diocese.

You can read the message by visiting the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bswm



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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.

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 any time during this period by rewinding to the start. Please email the above address if you would like more information.

PRAYERS FOR OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Those whose names were noted in the book for the All Souls Mass will automatically be prayed for at every Mass during November. If you would like a Mass said for an individual or family members please put the details in a brown envelope and pass to Father Raymond (Mayfield parishioners) or leave in the parish post box (Wadhurst).

SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection this Sunday for Retired Priests of the Diocese. Please use the 'Second Collection' button on the contactless card machine at Sacred Heart.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) ARTICLE 18 PETITION is a global campaign calling on international decision-makers to protect freedom of thought, conscience and religion as guaranteed by Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet across the world this fundament right is under threat. More than 5 billion people live in countries where persecution, oppression, and discrimination restrict religious freedom. By signing their petition, we can help send an urgent message to governments and international bodies. Archbishop Moth and other prominent church figures have publicly endorsed this campaign.

You can sign the petition here https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege or there will be forms available to sign at Sacred Heart Church.

RED WEDNESDAY
The 10am Mass at Sacred Heart on 18th November will be a special Mass for Martyrs and you are invited to wear red. Refreshments will be available after Mass and there will be Aid to the Church in Need Christmas cards and gifts available to purchase. This will be the 10th Anniversary of Red Wednesday and you may wish to attend Mass in the evening at St George's Cathedral Southwark bathed in red light https://acnuk.org/events

CHURCHES TOGETHER
The next Churches Together prayer meeting at Mayfield will be at 11.00 - 12.00 on Wednesday 18th November, to leave people free to attend the Remembrance Service on 11th November.
We meet monthly have a cup of coffee, a time of silent prayer, focussing on a passage from the bible and then share our thoughts and prayers. Everyone is welcome.
For details of venue please contact: julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS SACRED HEART
Some beautiful homemade decorations have already been left in the box in the annexe. Let us try and fill it with heart shapes in any medium to create a beautiful Christmas tree display. Latest date for entries Wednesday 2nd Dec.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER, FROM 10.30 - 12.30 IN THE COURTYARD, MAYFIELD SCHOOL
* We need bottles of any kind for the Bottle Stall.
* We need different kinds of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola
From Sunday 15th November there will be boxes in the Chapel, St Thomas's and at Sacred Heart for bottles and chocolates. Many thanks from the CAFOD group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2027
Sacred Heart School will be running First Holy Communion preparation sessions for children in Year 3 and above, beginning in January 2027.
Sessions will take place at Sacred Heart School on Thursdays, from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, with the First Holy Communion Mass planned for Sunday 23rd May at Sacred Heart Church.
We warmly welcome children from both the school and the wider parish who would like to prepare to receive this special Sacrament.
If you are interested in your child taking part, please speak to Fr Raymond in the first instance and then email Antonia Gabriel at deputyhead@sacredheartwadhurst.org.uk to register your interest.
Please register your interest by Sunday 13th December 2026

ADVENT SERVICE - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT WADHURST PARISH CHURCH
Churches Together in Wadhurst (CTIW) invite you to an Advent Service of readings and music which will take place at 6.30pm on the First Sunday of Advent. The service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome to come along to this first CTIW service in the newly reordered Parish Church. If you need a lift please let Father Raymond or Toni know.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE The machine in the Sacred Heart Annexe has now been set up to enable parishioners to indicate whether they are making a payment for the first collection, or another named collection. It is very easy to use but please ask for help if you have any difficultie.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS
Brochures for these and CAFOD's World Gifts are now available at both churches**.**

ROSARY: After Friday Mass at St Thomas' and on Wednesdays at 9.30am at Sacred Heart.

MOTHERS PRAYERS: Monday after 10am Mass 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.

DIOCESAN/EXTERNAL NEWS:

COP31, THE UNITED NATIONS' ANNUAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, BEGAN EARLIER THIS WEEK IN TURKEY. Interim data from the UK Health Security Agency estimates that there were 2,877 heat-associated deaths from the May and June 2026 heatwaves, with the Met Office provisionally declaring this summer as the hottest on record. Its 2025 State of the UK Climate Report is clear that the UK is warming, weather extremes are increasing, and the months between October to March are due to become wetter.

Care for our common home is important to people and communities across our Diocese. Earlier this week, Lorna Gold, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement (LSM), met with members of the Southern Diocese Environment Network to explain the importance of creating sustainable communities, system change, and nourishing eco-spirituality.

Although predominantly a Catholic movement, Lorna emphasised the importance of people across local communities working together, highlighting that multi-faith and ecumenical partnerships often follow. The Laudato Si' Movement uses the Laudato Si' phrase: "Together we respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor." The meeting ended with a prayer for COP31.

LSM runs two key annual campaigns, the Season of Creation each September and the Europe Be Faithful to Our Common Home campaign. A number of diocesan parishes and schools are caring for the environment by following CAFOD's LiveSimply programme. You can find out more here. Source: ICN.

MASS TIMES *Intentions*

SUNDAY	**9am** Sacred Heart *intention for the members of Sacred Heart and Mayfield Catholic Church.* **11am** Mayfield School Chapel
MONDAY	**10.00am** St Thomas' of canetrbury Mayfield, *Intention for Martin Heathcote RIP, Julia Janiec RIP, Bette and Kevin Geogahegan RIP, Rory Geoghegan RIP.*
TUESDAY	**6pm** Holy Hour in Mayfield School Chapel, *Intention for Norman Stride RIP, Bot & Gina Pomroy RIP, Vincent & Lydia Ng RIP, Silvester Ng RIP, Howard & Joan Johnson RIP, Brian Johnson RIP*
WEDNESDAY	**10am** Sacred Heart, *Intention for John Holden RIP, Neil Holden RIP, Morris Family RIP, Nicola Johnson RIP, Holden family.*
THURSDAY	*(PRIVATE MASS), Intention for Di Thomson RIP, Monica Usher RIP, James, Harold, Jane and Sally Thompson RIP, John Sanderson, George Holmes RIP, Sadie, Claudia Valdes RIP, Karin Mollenhauer RIP, Federico Canallo RIP, Christopher Whinney RIP, Anibal Cruz RIP, Peter Coulbourn RIP and Mark James.*
FRIDAY	**10am** St Thomas of Canterbury Mayfield, *Intention for Sol & Abel Perez RIP, Lidin Pavra RIP, Domingo Mendez RIP, Gina Balbontin RIP, Ricardo Mendez, Carlos Andres Pavra RIP, Yuse Pineda RIP, Charo Fillol RIP*
SATURDAY	*(PRIVATE MASS), Intention for Nigel Trippett RIP, Vilma Mefzer RIP, Antal Mefzer RIP, Cecil Tripett RIP, Isobel Trippett RIP.*

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

PARISH REGISTRATION Please visit https://sacredheartchurchwadhurst.org.uk/register/