

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SEAFORD NEWHAVEN AND PEACEHAVEN

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | Solemnity of Christ the King | 26th Nov 23

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WELCOME

Welcome to our Parish. If you are new to the parish or a visitor, please do introduce yourself to Deacon Stephen or speak with a team member, who would be delighted to meet you. You are warmly invited to join us as we journey together to “forge a community of saints.”

PRAYER

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent; the Sunday readings will be from Year B

Join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration in the parish. In the words of St Teresa of Calcutta, it is “The best time you will spend on earth”

- St Thomas More: Mon & Fri at 10am
- Immaculate Conception: Mon & Thur 6pm & Fri 10am

Christmas Mass Times...at St Thomas More and Immaculate Conception Churches are:

- Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass 6pm, both churches
- Christmas Day: 10am, both Churches

Invite your friends to join us to come and see.

FORMATION

- **The Parish Advent Course** | We are running the ‘Invited’ course to help everyone prepare for Christmas and we would love for you to come and join us. The

dates both in Seaford and Peacehaven are: **11am Saturday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd December** in Seaford and Peacehaven Church Halls. Put the dates in your diary... who will you invite?

- **Family of Faith** | catechesis for the family continues with a day for the whole family on Saturday 2nd December at 1pm.

PARISH NOTICES

- **The Diocesan Pastoral Plan.**

This Thursday, the Deaneries of Lewes and Mayfield will be amalgamated to form a single Deanery. At the same time, the parishes of the former Deanery of Mayfield will be amalgamated to form one single parish, with Fr Irek Stadler (*Crowborough*) appointed as its Parish Priest and Moderator of the clergy of that new, single parish.

- **NEW DATE | Christmas Repository Sale 10th December** | Items on sale in the Seaford Parish Hall after 11am Mass.
- **Seaford District Guides Carol Service** on Tuesday 5th December at 6pm. We are pleased to welcome the Guides to St Thomas More for their carol service. Please do join us.

- **STM | The BIG Church Clean.** It’s that time of year again when we deep clean the Church, polish the silver and get ready for Christmas. Please do come along and help get our church ready for the festive celebrations: Sat 9th December 12:30pm.

- **Synod on Synodality.** Deacon Jon Harman has kindly agreed to come to the parish to update us on the Synod on Saturday 9th December at 10am in the Hall at St Thomas More. Please do join us.

- **Seahaven Storehouse - Christmas Appeal.** At St Thomas More we have been supporting local families through the Seahaven Storehouse since it started. The demand on the foodbank has grown over the years and particularly so in 2023 as the cost of living escalates. At this time of year, we ask for an extra effort to support this local venture in making Christmas Special for Families and Individuals who are in need. As well as the usual basic Items you might like to add a luxury item, **e.g a tin of ham, salmon, biscuits, chocolates, soft drinks, sweets, etc.** *Please do not leave any fresh Items of food.* For the period **Saturday 2nd – Sunday 10th December** there will be Collection Points in the entrance to the Parish Hall and in the Church Porch where you can leave your gifts. **Thank You!**

- **Christmas with the Ashdown Singers** -Sunday 3rd December in St Thomas More Church at 3 p.m. with mince pies and tea in the hall. Free event and all Parishioners are welcome. Donations in aid of Homelink.

Dates for your Diary:

- **5th December** | Guides Carol Service | Seaford 6pm
- **9th December** | A talk about the Synod | 10am Seaford Hall
- **10th December** | Children’s Christmas Party Peacehaven

Safeguarding Representatives:

- Julie O’Sullivan, 07735 955821
- Carol Gillespie, 07544 066454

Mass Attendance | 293 (combined)
Offertory, S £412 &
P £408



HOLY MASS | PROPERs FOR TODAY

First reading | Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation | Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel | Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Holy Mass | The Sacrament of Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass

- Sat (Vigil) 25th Nov | 6pm | Christ the King | Peace for the Soul of Jon Dunlop RIP | Peacehaven
- Sun 26th Nov | 11am | Christ the King | People of the Parish | Seaford
- Weds 29th Nov | 10am | Janis Claxton-White RIP | Peacehaven.
- Thurs 30th Nov | 10 am | St Andrew, Apostle | Deceased members of the Kealy Family | Seaford
- Sat (Vigil) 2nd Dec | 6pm | First Sunday of Advent | Mike Kearon RIP | Seaford
- Sun 3rd Dec | 11am | First Sunday of Advent | People of the Parish | Peacehaven
- **Morning Prayer:** Seaford: Mon – Fri 8.30am | Sat & Sun 9am
- **Evening Prayer:** Seaford: Mon – Fri 6:30pm | Peacehaven Tue & Wed 6pm
- **Adoration:** Seaford, Tues & Fri 10am | Peacehaven Mon & Thur 6pm & Fri 10am
- **Rosary:** Seaford, Tue – Fri 6pm, Sat 9:15am, Thur 9:30am | Peacehaven, Wed 9.30am Fri, 9.20am
- **Benediction:** Sunday 4pm | Seaford (From Sunday 26th November)

Mass Intentions envelopes are in the church porch – min 12 weeks' notice needed.