

HOLY MASS | PROPER FOR TODAY

First reading | Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second reading | Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation | Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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Gospel | Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

- Sat (Vigil) 24 Feb | 6pm | 2nd Sunday of Lent | People of the Parish | Seaford
- Sun 25th Feb | 11am | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Tessa O'Shea | Peacehaven
- Weds 28th Feb | 10am | Anna Easton RIP | Peacehaven.
- Thurs 29th Feb | 10 am | Susan Mary Streetly RIP | Seaford
- Thurs 29th Feb | 11 am | Requiem Mass Tessa O'Shea RIP | Peacehaven
- Sat (Vigil) 2nd Mar | 6pm | 3rd Sunday of Lent | Antonio Gomez RIP | Peacehaven
- Sun 3rd Mar | 11am | 3rd Sunday of Lent | People of the Parish | Seaford

• **Morning Prayer:** Seaford: Mon – Fri 8.30am | Sat & Sun 9am | Peacehaven: Tues 9am

• **Evening Prayer:** Seaford: Mon – Fri 6:30pm | Peacehaven Tue & Wed 6pm

• **Adoration:** Seaford, Tues (Vocations) & Fri 10am (Diocesan Pastoral Plan) | Peacehaven Mon (Vocations) & Thur (Diocesan Pastoral Plan) 6pm & Fri 10am

• **Rosary:** Seaford, Tue – Fri 6pm, Sat 9:15am, Thur 9:30am | Peacehaven, Wed 9.30am Fri, 9.30am

• **Benediction:** Sundays - 6pm Seaford



The Catholic Parish of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven.

2nd Sunday of Lent Time (B)
Sunday 25th February

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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 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".



PARISH NEWS

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE – A DROP IN WITH DEACON STEPHEN | There are a lot of changes for our parish, and the Diocese as a whole, with the roll out of the Diocesan Plan, "The Word Who is Life". We are therefore planning a monthly progress update as the plans become clear. There will be an opportunity to get together at the start of each month to talk through and explore the changes and how they impact our worshipping communities. The first will be on Saturday 6th April, 10am in Seaford Church Hall – further dates below. All worshipping members of our Church communities are welcome.

PRAYER

Stations of the Cross

- every Friday @ 7pm, Seaford | every Sunday @ 3pm, Peacehaven
- Good Friday, 12noon, Peacehaven
- Good Friday, 7pm, Seaford (only if you have not attended the 3pm service)

Children's Stations of the Cross

- Sunday 10th March, Peacehaven (after mass)
- Good Friday, 29th March, 10am, Seaford

HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM TIMES:

24 March | Palm Sunday – Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass) (S), Sunday 11am (P)

28 March | Maundy Thursday - 8pm, Peacehaven with vigil until Midnight

29 March | Good Friday - 3pm, Peacehaven

30 March | Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm, Seaford

31 March | Easter Sunday - 9am, Peacehaven, and 11am, Seaford

FORMATION

The Parish Lent Course – We Dare to Say | We studied the second line of this great prayer on Saturday morning – THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE – thinking about our choices and how we can choose God's will to be able to see glimmers of heaven in our daily lives. Do come and join us next Saturday at 10am in Seaford.

Synod Autumn 2023 | You may remember back in November we made available copies of the report on the Synod from the Bishops of England and Wales. If you did not receive a copy you can read it here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-plenary-resolution-autumn-2023>. We have taken the decision not to convene any follow up meetings at this time. We will reconsider this later in the year once things have settled with the roll out of the Diocesan Plan.

MISSION

This Lent, children at Anney Catholic Primary School are taking part in the Big Lent Walk to help CAFOD fight poverty. Collectively, children and staff, will be walking 200K. If you would like to donate to their fundraising page please visit <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/annecys-big-lent-walk-fundraiser>

OTHER STUFF

Getting to the Paschel Triduum | if you can offer a lift to parishioners who are unable to get to either Peacehaven for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, or Seaford for the Easter Vigil, please let us know by emailing claire.duffield@abdiocese.org.uk Thank you in advance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 2nd Mar 10 am – 'We Dare to Say' Lent Course – Seaford
- Tuesday 27th Feb: The Circle of Friends Annual Mass will be held in Shalom Chapel, Seaford, 2.00pm. All Welcome
- 27th March - Afternoon Trip to Arundel
- 28th April - Picnic and walk to Cuckmere Valley
- 11th May, 1st June, 6th July – Navigating the Future Drop-ins.

Mass Attendance –365 (combined)

Offertory: Seaford: £498.61 & Peacehaven **11/02** £407.88 Lourdes pilgrimage 354.80 s/o January' **17/02** £403.82