



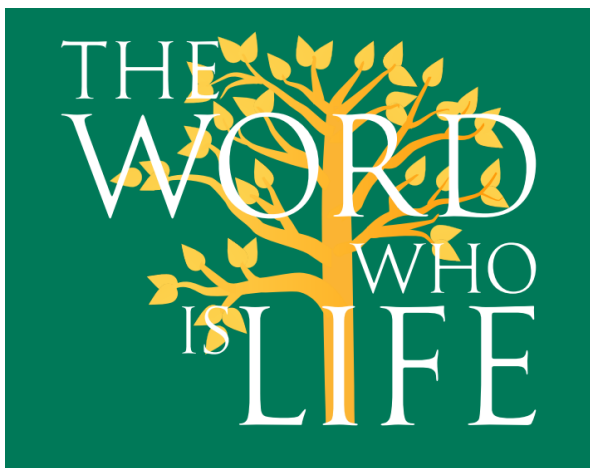
Catholic Parish of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven

Third Sunday of Easter | Year B | 14th April 2024

WELCOME |

Welcome to our parish on this 3rd Sunday of Easter. Alleluia! 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”.

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE | PRAYER, FORMATION AND MISSION ARE CENTRAL TENANTS TO THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN:



PRAYER |

‘Prayer – ‘the raising of one’s mind and heart to God’ – is the necessary foundation for every step that we take. Prayer is the life-breath of the Christian. Nothing is possible without it and the continuing life of the Diocese, as in the past, will depend upon the life of prayer of us all.’ – **The Word Who is Life, The Pastoral Plan: The Call to Mission.**

FORMATION |

‘Formation, beginning with and grounded in prayer, leads us to be ever closer to Christ – conformed to Him. Formation requires a deeper understanding of Scriptures, especially the Gospels. Catechesis is one element of Formation, grounded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and enabling us to develop an understanding of the teachings of the Magisterium. The celebration of the Liturgy is, itself, a means of formation, centred on the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays. Formation is life-long, for the journey to closer conformity to Christ is the very

purpose of our lives.’ – **The Word Who is Life, The Pastoral Plan: The Call to Mission.**

MISSION |

‘The Church has a ‘Missionary Mandate’, to be “the universal sacrament of salvation.” This task of preaching the Gospel to all stems from the command of the Lord to the Apostles, recorded at the end of Matthew’s Gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

The call to be missionary disciples is a consequence of our Baptism. It is a responsibility that is placed on every Christian... All are called to build up the Body of Christ, lead a holy life and promote the growth of the Church. All have a share in the Church’s mission.’ – **The Word Who is Life, The Pastoral Plan: The Call to Mission.**

STEWARDSHIP |

Church closure | St Thomas More church will be closed on the 15th, 22nd & 23rd April for contractors.

DATES FOR THE DIARY |

Youth Group | for children aged 8-11, Wednesday 17th April – 4.30-6pm – Church hall at Immaculate Conception, Peacehaven.

Children’s Liturgy | 21st April – Peacehaven. 28th April – Seaford.

Picnic and walk, Cuckmere Haven | Sunday 28th April. Everyone welcome – do come and join us at Cuckmere Haven for a walk down to the beach and a bring-your-own picnic. We will meet at the Seven Sisters Country Park Visitor Centre at 1pm.

Navigating the Future | next meeting is on May 11th at 10am in Peacehaven

Family of Faith | Our next session is on 11th May.

International Lunch | 19th May, Peacehaven.

Mass Attendance: 287 (Combined)

Offertory: S £339.75 & P £368.78 S/O £510
Lepra Appeal £595.53

2nd Collection Next Week: Education of Future Priests

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HOLY MASS | PROPER FOR TODAY

First reading | Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second reading | 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the
Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his
commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him',

and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey
what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation | cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel | Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

- Sat (Vigil.13th | 6pm | 3rd Sunday of Easter | Deceased Brothers and wives of the Catenians | Peacehaven
- Sun 14th April | 11am | 3rd Sunday of Easter | People the Parish | Seaford
- Tues 16th April | 12.20 pm | Requiem Mass Catherine (Kitty) Coyne RIP | Seaford
- Weds 17th April | 10am | Alice McKinley RIP | Peacehaven.
- Wed 17th April | 12 noon | Funeral Service Kenneth Hughes RIP | Seaford
- Thurs 18th April | 10 am | James O'Brien RIP | Seaford
- Sat (Vigil) 20th April | 6pm | 4th Sunday of Easter- World Day of Prayer for Vocations | Anna Plumbo 90th Birthday Int | Seaford
- Sun 21st April | 11am | 4rd Sunday of Easter- World Day of Prayer for Vocations | People of the Parish | Peacehaven
- **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:** Sunday 6pm | Seaford

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

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