



Catholic Parish of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven

Fifth Sunday of Easter | Year B | 28th April 2024

WELCOME |

Welcome to our parish on this 5th 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”.

PRAYER |

The Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus throughout Eastertide. We pray it each week at 6pm before Holy Mass on Saturday evening.

O Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. **For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

V. He has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. **Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. **For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

FORMATION |

Came across this great quote the other day:
*“Because we’re so impatient with our own poverty, we can’t stand the poverty in others or the poverty in the church. And so, we go after others because it gives us some sense of relief. It doesn’t make us feel better, it makes us feel less miserable. **God is not anxious. God is not hopeless. God has it all in hand. He hasn’t lost control. And for us to think that, is an overwhelming pride which will always rob our joy.”** (Msgr James Shea)*

MISSION |

The next **Navigating the Future** session about the implementation of the Diocesan Plan and @Galilee is on Saturday 11th May, 10am in Peacehaven Church Hall.

Missio- Peacehaven | Last year we raised £1187.03 through the Red Boxes and private donations. This is

an increase of approximately £200 on last year. Many thanks for your continued support to this.

Between 5th May and 2nd June the collection of Red Boxes for this year will be taking place. Please bring your Red Box to church during this time.

STEWARDSHIP |

It’s a busy time in the parish as we address several property related challenges. Our rented property in Peacehaven has become vacant and needs refurbishment before reletting. A wall is being rebuilt at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Various improvement works are ongoing in both churches and urgent maintenance is being completed at The Presbytery in Seaford. Thank you to Jon Gravenor for all his work managing our facilities.

DATES FOR THE DIARY |

- **Circle of Friends 'Memories of Easter Past and Present'** including a short talk by Claire Duffield on the parish Family Days. Followed by tea/coffee and chat. All welcome. Tues 28th May 2.00pm | Seaford
- **Children’s Liturgy** | 5th May – Peacehaven, 12th May – Seaford, 19th May – Peacehaven.
- **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 – come and join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the confirmation of two young people in our parish. Please bring a dish or two to share – and invite a friend!
- **Corpus Christi – Arundel** | 30th May. Come and see the carpet of flowers at 4pm in Arundel and stay for Mass, procession, and Benediction at 5.30pm. Please sign up at the back of church if you are interested.
- **Quiz, Fish & Chips** | Sat 8th June 7pm | Peacehaven.

Mass Attendance: 289 (Combined)

Offertory: S £356.94 & P £451.34

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HOLY MASS | PROPERS FOR TODAY

First reading | Acts 9:26-31 ·

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second reading | 1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk,

but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation | Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

Gospel | John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

- Sat (Vigil) 27th April | 6pm | 5th Sunday of Easter | | Derek Willson RIP | Peacehaven
- Sun 28th April | 11am | 5th Sunday of Easter | Thomas More Hagger RIP | Seaford
- Weds 1st May | 10am | St Joseph the Worker | David Kendrew RIP | Peacehaven.
- Thurs 2nd May | 10 am | Roy Wales RIP | Seaford
- Sat (Vigil) 4th May | 6pm | 6th Sunday of Easter | Anthony Hedley RIP | Seaford
- Sun 5th May | 11am | 6th Sunday of Easter | 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

• **Stations of the Resurrection** – cancelled this week due to wedding rehearsal.

• **Benediction:** Sunday 6pm | Seaford

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