



Catholic Parish of Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Year B | 5th May 2024

WELCOME |

Welcome to our parish on this 6th 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 |

First Holy Communion | will take place at 11am on Sunday 26th May at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Peacehaven. Please note, this is a change to the usual alternating times of Masses in our churches.

Sacrament of Marriage | Congratulations to Naome and Tomas who were married at St Thomas More Church on Saturday.

“Marriage is an act of will that signifies and involves a mutual gift, which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls, with whom they make up a sole family – a domestic church.” (St John Paul II)

We currently have four couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage with Deacon Stephen. Please pray for Sandra and Eduardo, Ivy and Dean, Martyna and Carmine, and Ela and Lucien as they prepare to take this sacred step.

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.

Family of Faith | Our next session is on 11th May at St Thomas More Hall where we will be looking at the Stations of the Resurrection.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham | 14th–17th October | Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham. There are still a few places left if you would like to join us for this special pilgrimage. The cost is £300 and includes half board accommodation, travel, and a trip to Castle Acre Priory. A non-refundable deposit of £30 is required to secure a place. For further details and a booking form, please contact Mary Ann Enriquez on 07964678708 or email; maryann.enriquez@abdiocese.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY |

- **Synod Day on Synodality** on Tuesday 7th May, 10.30 – 4:30 at the YHA South Downs. www.eventbrite.com/e/synod-on-synodality-tickets-885533774357?aff=oddtcreator
- **Christian Aid** | this year’s Christian Aid service will be held at St Peter’s Church, Blatchington, on Sunday 12th May at 6pm. Please try to support this event organised by Churches Together in Seaford.
- **Children’s Liturgy** | 12th May – Seaford, 19th May – Peacehaven.
- **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: (Combined)285

Offertory: S £541.56 & P £195.70

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

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HOLY MASS | PROPER FOR TODAY

First reading | Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 97(98):1-4

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Second reading | 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation | Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel | John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Benediction | Sunday 6pm | St Thomas More, Seaford
During Benediction throughout May we will be praying particularly for our children and grandchildren who are taking exams at this time; if you know someone, please give their name to Deacon Stephen.

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

- 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
- Weds 8th May | 10am | Tessa O'Shea RIP | Peacehaven.
- Thurs 9th May | 10 am | **The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation** | George Reeves RIP | Seaford
- Sat (Vigil) 11th May | 6pm | 7th Sunday of Easter | Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life | Peacehaven
- Sun 12th May | 11am | 7th Sunday of Easter - World Communications Sunday | John Buckley RIP | 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, Fri 10am (Diocesan Pastoral Plan) | Peacehaven Mon (Vocations) & Thur (Diocesan Pastoral Plan) 6pm & Fri 10am
- **Rosary:** Seaford, Sat 9:15am, Thur 9:30am | Peacehaven, Wed 9.30am Fri, 9.30am
- **Stations of the Resurrection** – Seaford, Friday at 6:45, **NO Stations of the Resurrection** this week
- **Benediction:** Sunday 6pm (Our Children and Grandchildren taking exams) | Seaford

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