

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 8TH SEPT 2024



WELCOME

Welcome to our Church Community. If you are new or visiting, 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

Morning and Evening Prayer: is celebrated each day in Seaford at 8.30am and 6.30pm and in Peacehaven on Tuesday at 9am and 6pm and Wednesday at 6pm. We have a rich round of prayer in our Churches, and, as Charles Spurgeon said, ‘A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.’ Do come and join us if you can.

FORMATION

The Echoes Formation Course will be starting this year in conjunction with a number of other parishes. Deacon Stephen has invited a number of people to join the course. It is the first Galilee initiative that involves parishes working together as part of Bishop Richard’s Diocesan Plan.

First Holy Communion: this year we are proposing a change to the traditional First Holy Communion programme. It will be part of our Family of Faith ongoing

formation for children and their parents. Please complete a form in the usual way and you can talk to Deacon Stephen or a member of the team for further details.

MISSION

Family of Faith begins next week on Sunday 15th September starting with Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 11am Mass.

Parish Review 2024 is here. Printed copies will be available at the back of Church this weekend. Please take a copy. You can also access a digital copy by scanning this QR code.



A particular thank you to Claire for creating the review, to Lyndsey for all her support in the parish and to Fr Jonathan and Fr Graham for celebrating Mass.

Walsingham Pilgrimage is fast approaching. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like us to take on your behalf, please give them to Mary Ann Enriquez.

Madagascar Mud Run: training is hard work but going well – please donate if you haven’t already done so.

[Justgiving.com/team/mudrunformadagascar24](https://justgiving.com/team/mudrunformadagascar24)

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HOLY MASS | PROPERs FOR TODAY

23rd Sunday | Ordinary Time | Year B

Entrance Antiphon | Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading | Isaiah 35:4-7 ·

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second reading | James 2:1-5 ·

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation | 1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel | Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:

Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Education Sunday

- Sat 7th Sept (Vigil) | 6pm | Seaford | **Int:** Edward & Rose Allen & Family
- Sun 8th Sept | 11am | Peacehaven | **Int:** People of the Parish

Midweek

- Wed 11th Sept | 10 am | Peacehaven | **Int:** Jean Lloyd
- Wed 11th Sept | 1pm | Seaford | Requiem Mass | Brian Bond RIP
- Thurs 12th Sept | 10 am | Seaford | The Most Holy Name of Mary
Int: Collin Bullock RIP

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Evangelii Gaudium Day

- Sat 14th Sept (Vigil) | 6pm | Peacehaven | **Int:** Kevin Burke RIP
- Sun 15th Sept | 11am | Seaford | **Int:** People of the Parish

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: Tue 10am (Priest vocations)

Peacehaven Mon 6pm (Vocations), Thur 6pm (Pastoral Plan), Fri 10am

Rosary:

Seaford: Sat 9:15am, Thur 9:30am | Peacehaven: Wed 9.30am, Fri 9.30am

Benediction: Sunday 6pm | Seaford

Mass Intentions envelopes are in the porch – minimum 12 weeks' notice.

Dates for your Diary

- 10th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.30am Seaford
- 14th September: Baptism Prep Session, 10 am Seaford Hall
- 21st September: Madagascan Mud Run
- 2nd October: Macmillan Coffee Morning, Peacehaven
- 12th October: Quiz and Fish & Chips, Peacehaven

Mass Attendance: 31 Aug/1 Sept: 312

Offertory: P £246.81 S/O 640 & S £497.55

Second collection This week: Catholic Education **Next Week :** Home Missions

Prayers for you all at the start of this week.

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