**The Catholic Church: Seaford, Newhaven**

**& Peacehaven | Sunday 3rd November 2024**

**Welcome**

Welcome to our Church Community. If you are new or visiting, please do introduce yourself to Deacon Stephen

**Prayer**

**November** is a significant month in the life of the Church. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1, a feast that honours all Saints, known and unknown.

Following this, November 2 is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls' Day, where Catholics pray for the souls in purgatory. This month emphasizes the communion of saints and the belief in eternal life, encouraging the faithful to reflect on their own mortality and the hope of resurrection.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**New Sunday Missal.** We will be using the new Lectionary from the first week of Advent - 1st December. If you would like to purchase a copy, it is available to order for the discounted price of £18 (RRP £19.95). Please let Claire know if you would like a copy (claire.duffield@abdiocese.org.uk).

We will be gradually reducing our print run and will shortly no longer be printing the readings each week as a way to be 'greener' and to remain within copyright regulations. Our newsletter will remain

available on our website ([www.catholicfaith.one).](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.catholicfaith.one%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cstephen.sharpe%40abdiocese.org.uk%7Ce6edfa0d37244d74ffa008dcf2ac74f1%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0%7C0%7C638652069730097997%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m7rCIaxL%2BYUq1bMhvjELIi3F67U67wK1LgP5G4ZoMxQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Formation**

**Advent Courses** will be run on Saturday Mornings at 10am in Peacehaven and

Thursday Mornings at 11am in Seaford after Holy Mass.

**Application Deadlines** for Confirmation is 13th December. Please find the form on the ‘Formation’ page of our website.

**Mission**

**Navigating the Future:** The next meeting is on 9th Nov, 10am, Peacehaven. Come along to get the latest information about the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Project Galilee and changes to our Family of Faith programme.

**Other Stuff**

The Seaford BIG church clean will take place this year on Saturday 14th December at 12 noon. Come and get involved.

**Holy Mass | Propers for today**

**31st Sunday | Ordinary Time | Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 37: 22-23**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;

be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,

O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Collect**

Almighty and merciful God,

by whose gift your faithful offer you

right and praiseworthy service,

grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling

to receive the things you have promised.

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 | Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart**

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

**Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,

 my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

 my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,

 when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

 Praised be the God who saves me,

He has given great victories to his king

 and shown his love for his anointed.

**Second reading | Hebrews 7:23-28 ·**

**Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood**

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation | cf.Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel | Mark 12:28-34**

**'You are not far from the kingdom of God'**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:**

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| **Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass** ***31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*** * Sat 2nd Nov (Vigil) | 6pm |Seaford| ***Int:*** People of the Parish
* Sun 3rd Nov | 11am |Peacehaven | ***Int:*** Aldo Memmo RIP
* Sun 3rd Nov |6pm | Seaford| Benediction for All Souls

***Midweek**** Wed 6 Nov |10 am| Peacehaven| ***Int*:** David Difford RIP
* Thurs 7 Nov |10am |St Willibrord | Seaford |***Int***: Robin Frances Burnett RIP

***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Remembrance Sunday**** Sat 9th Nov (Vigil) |6pm| Peacehaven| ***Int:*** People of the Parish
* Sun 10th Nov |11 am| Seaford | ***Int:*** Deceased Members of Russell & Gravenor Family
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| **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). Wed 12noon Medjugorje Prayer GroupPeacehaven: 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 – All Souls |
| **Mass Intentions envelopes are in the porch – minimum 20 weeks’ notice.** |

**Solemnities and Feast Days this week not detailed above:**

**Monday**: St Charles, Borromeo, Bishop | **Saturday:** Consecration of the Lateran Basilica

**Dates for your Diary**

* 3rd Nov, 6pm | United Worship, Cross Way Church, guest speaker: Fr Aiden Murray
* 9th Nov, 10am | Navigating the Future | Peacehaven
* 28th Nov, 11am | Advent Course: 7 Things you didn’t know about Advent | Seaford
* 30th Nov, 10am | Advent Course: Session 1 | Peacehaven
* 8th Dec, 3pm | Ashdown Singers Christmas Concert in aid of HomeLink | Seaford
* 14 December 12 noon | Big Church Clean | Seaford

**Mass Attendance: 305**  **Offertory:** Peacehaven £250.63 and Seaford £405.92

**Second collection next week:** Retired Priests fund.