**The Catholic Church: Seaford, Newhaven**

**& Peacehaven | Sunday 10th November 2024**

**Welcome**

Welcome to our Church Community. If you are new or visiting, please do introduce yourself to Deacon Stephen who will be delighted to meet you.

**Prayer**

**Silence is a gift…**

In our busy lives, silence can often feel like a rare commodity, yet it holds profound significance within church. Silence allows us to encounter God in a deeper way, providing a space for reflection, prayer, and contemplation.

As we gather for Holy Mass, let us remember the sacredness of silence. It is in these quiet moments that we can listen to God’s voice, reflect on His Word, and prepare our hearts for worship. Let’s all try and embrace the beauty of silence before Holy Mass today, fostering an atmosphere of reverence and peace.

**Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person**. Wednesday 13th, at 5.30pm, the Bishops of England and Wales will gather for a Holy Hour for prayer to promote the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries in the face of the assisted suicide legislation before the UK Parliament.

There will be a Holy Hour at the same time at St Thomas More Church, Seaford.

Wednesday 13th at 5:30pm. Please join us.

**Formation**

**Advent Courses**:

* Saturday Mornings at 10am in Peacehaven and
* Thursday Mornings at 11am in Seaford after Holy Mass.

**Confirmation Application Deadline:**

13th December. Please find the form on the ‘Formation’ page of our website.

**Mission**

**Safeguarding.** Key to the mission of the church is keeping everyone safe. A big thank you to Julie and Carol and all those involved in safeguarding in our two communities.

**Other Stuff**

* **Seaford BIG church clean** on Saturday 14th December at 12 noon. Come and get involved.
* **Advent Calendars** and candles, also Christmas cards available from the Parish Repository, Seaford.
* **Annecy Catholic Primary School** has an Open Day on Wednesday 13th November between 1.30pm-2.30pm, please do contact them if you have a child who will be starting school in September 2025.

**Holy Mass | Propers for today**

**32nd Sunday | Ordinary Time | Year B**

**First reading | 1 Kings 17:10-16 ·**

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,

jug of oil shall not be emptied,

before the day when the Lord sends

rain on the face of the earth.”’

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**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 | Hebrews 9:24-28 ·**

**Christ, our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself**

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**Gospel Acclamation | Rv2:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,

keep faithful, and I will give you

the crown of life.

**Gospel | Mark 12:38-44**

**This poor widow has put in more than all**

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

**Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:**

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| **Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass** * ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B***
* Sat 9th Nov (Vigil) |6pm| Peacehaven| ***Int:*** *People of the Parish*
* Sun 10th Nov |11 am| Seaford |***Int:*** *Deceased Members* *of Russell & Gravenor Family*

***Midweek**** Wed 13th Nov |10 am| Peacehaven| ***Int*** *Cathy Shields 90th Birthday*
* Thurs 14th Nov |10am| Seaford |***Int***: *Members of the Critchley Family RIP*
* ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – World Day of the Poor***
* Sat 16th Nov (Vigil)| 6pm| Seaford | *People of the Parish*
* Sun 17th Nov |11 am | Peacehaven | *David Difford RIP*
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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
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| **Adoration:** * Seaford: Tue 10am (Priest vocations).
* Peacehaven: Mon 6pm (Vocations), Thur 6pm (Pastoral Plan), Fri 10am
* **Holy Hour | 5:30pm | prayer to promote the dignity of the human person and the culture of life | St Thomas More, Seaford.**
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| **Rosary:** * Seaford: Sat 9:15am, Thur 9:30am | Peacehaven: Wed 9.30am, Fri 9.30am
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| **Benediction:** * Sunday 6pm | Seaford – for all our faithful departed
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| **Mass Intentions envelopes are in the porch – minimum 20 weeks’ notice.** |

**Dates for your Diary**

* 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
* 14th December 12 noon | Big Church Clean | Seaford
* 9th December 7.30pm | **Parish** Christmas Bash | Peacehaven Hall
* 11th January 9.30 am | Gentlemen Who Scoff - Breakfast| Peacehaven

**Mass Attendance: 305** Offertory**:** Peacehaven £351 and Seaford £344.51

**Second collection today:** Retired Priests fund