**The Catholic Church: Seaford, Newhaven**

**& Peacehaven | Sunday 24th 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**

**Now is the time - a Day of Adoration** from 7am to 7pm on Friday 29th Novemberat St Thomas More church, and from 9am till noon at the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady as the assisted suicide bill is debated in parliament. Please sign up to the rota at the back of church and join us in prayer and fasting, that the dignity of human life may be respected.

**Formation**

**Advent Courses**:

* Thursday Mornings at 11am in Seaford after Holy Mass – starting 28th November.
* Saturday Mornings at 10am in Peacehaven – starting 30th November.

**Mission**

**Patronal Feast Day** **of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady** is on Monday 9th December. We will celebrate with Holy Mass at 10am followed by tea/coffee and cake. In the evening, we will continue to celebrate and look forward to Christmas with mulled wine in Peacehaven at 7.30pm, please bring some nibbles to

share! (Mince pies, cheese, biscuits etc.) This event is for everyone from both our churches, it would be wonderful to see you there.

**Christmas Fair for Madagascar** is on Saturday 30th November at St Thomas More Church Hall. Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass and any last-minute donations (especially home baked cakes)

would be gratefully received.

**Seahaven Storehouse** is making it’s Christmas Appeal, please bring donations to St Thomas More Church porch or hall before 19th December.

**Carolling for a Cause:** join the Hearts and Voices Band for carols on Sunday 1st December to support the ‘Make a Child Happy this Christmas’ Project. 12-2pm at Immaculate Conception, Peacehaven.

**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.
* **Christmas Services:**

Christmas Vigil 6pm -Seaford

Christmas Vigil 6pm - Peacehaven

Christmas Day 9 am - Peacehaven

Christmas Day 11 am - Seaford

New Year Day 10 am - Peacehaven

**Holy Mass | Propers for today**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King | Year B**

**First reading | Daniel 7:13-14**

***I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.***

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age

and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm | 92(93):1-2,5**

*The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.*

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed;

The Lord has robed himself with might,

He had girded himself with power.

The word you made firm, not be to be moved;

Your throne has stood firm of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house,

O Lord, until the end of time.

**Second Reading | Apocalypse 1:5 -8**

***Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests***

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation** **| Mk11:10**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!***

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel | John 18:33-37**

***Yes, I am a king***

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

**Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:**

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| **Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass** ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Youth Day*** * Sat 23rd Nov (Vigil)| 6pm| Peacehaven | *Int: Andrea Rhodes Int*
* Sun 24th Nov |11 am | Seaford | *Int: People of the Parish*

***Midweek**** Wed 27th Nov |10 am| Peacehaven|*Int: Terry Whenmouth RIP*
* Thurs 28th Nov |10am| Seaford | *Int: Colin Bullock RIP*

***First Sunday of Advent**** Sat 30th Nov (Vigil)| 6pm| Seaford | *Int: Joseph & Pauline Camilleri RIP*
* Sun 1st Dec |11 am |Peacehaven | *Int*: *People of the Parish*
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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
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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
* 30th Nov, 10.30am-3.30pm | Christmas Fair for Madagascar | Seaford
* 1st Dec, 12noon-2pm | Carolling for a Cause | Peacehaven
* 8th Dec, 3pm | Ashdown Singers Christmas Concert in aid of HomeLink | Seaford
* 9th Dec, 7.30pm | **Parish** Christmas Bash | Peacehaven Hall
* 14th Dec, 12 noon | Big Church Clean | Seaford
* 11th Jan, 9.30 am | Gentlemen Who Scoff - Breakfast| Peacehaven

**Mass Attendance: 317 Offertory:** £ 421.59Peacehaven & Seaford £354.32

**Second collection this week:** Arundel Cathedral Maintenance