

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025



WELCOME

Welcome to our Church Community. If you are new or visiting, please introduce yourself to Deacon Stephen, or a member of the team, who will be delighted to meet you.

PRAYER

Christus mansionem benedicat, or "May Christ bless the house."

Today, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. Marking our doorways or front porch steps with blessed chalk is a centuries-old Epiphany custom and a visible way to dedicate our homes and the New Year to God. Although it was new to many last year!

The inscription this year is: **20 + C + M + B + 25**

"20" and "25" stand for the new year (2025). The plus signs represent the Cross. CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "May Christ bless the house."

To mark your home, you will need blessed chalk and the following prayers.

• ***As you prepare to mark the front door or porch, say the following prayer:***

The Three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human 2,025 years ago. May Christ bless our home and be with us throughout the New Year. Amen.

• ***Then, as you make the marks, offer the following prayer:***

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of Your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of Your love. Grant that we may manifest Your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

There will be small bags of blessed chalk at the back of church this weekend.

ANNECY SCHOOL

Annecy school has an open day this coming week on Wednesday 8th January between 1.30-2.30pm, please contact the school for more details.

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The Epiphany of the Lord – Year C

Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:

Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

- Sat 4th Jan (Vigil), 6pm, Peacehaven, *Int: People of the Parish*
- Sun 5th Jan 11am, Seaford, *Int: Robin Burnett RIP*

Midweek

- Wed 8th Jan, 10 am, Peacehaven, *Int: Claire Commerford RIP*
- Thurs 9th Jan, 10am, Seaford, *Int: Margaret Jonas Int*

The Baptism of the Lord

- Sat 11th Jan (Vigil), 6pm, Seaford, *Int: Teresa Gates Int*
- Sun 12th Jan, 11 am, Peacehaven, *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 20 weeks' notice.

Mass Attendance: 29th Dec, Seaford: 95, Peacehaven: 191,

Offertory: Peacehaven £331.83 Seaford £167.30

Christmas Collection: Seaford £2105.46 Peacehaven £1499.90

Dates for the diary:

11.1.25 | Gentleman who Scoff, Breakfast at Stonehouse, Peacehaven 9.30 am

1.2.25 | Galilee update at Galilee in Lewes. A short presentation on the latest about this exciting project.

8.2.25 | The Assisted Suicide Bill, 11am at Galilee. An opportunity to ‘think aloud’ about the implications of this proposed legislation, consider what we can do, both to voice our concerns and support the terminally ill.

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