# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025



**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.

A BLESSED HOLY WEEK... A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Holy Week so special. It was truly moving to see so many come together for the Chrism Mass, Sacred Triduum, and Stations of the Cross. Easter Day was another joyful celebration, topped off with a fun Easter Egg Hunt for the children in Peacehaven and delicious Maddie cake in Seaford.

Remember, the joy of Easter doesn't end here — this beautiful season continues all the way to Pentecost. So once again, **Happy Easter!** 

MANY THANKS in particular to Fr Graham for celebrating the Easter Triduum for us. We are in a unique position, being without a Parish Priest, and are incredibly grateful and appreciative that Fr Graham chose to retire here!

DEACON STEPHEN warmly thanks you all for the generous cards and gifts this Easter. He and his family deeply appreciate your kindness and support.

**Readings for today** begin on page 467 of the CTS New Sunday Missal.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

"They were all together... and more than ever believers were added to the Lord." (Acts 5:12–16)

This Sunday's reading from Acts gives us a glimpse of the early Church: united, prayerful, and full of life. They gathered not around buildings but around Christ and in their shared witness, the Church grew.

In our own time, as Bishop Richard leads the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton through the pastoral plan "The Word Who is Life," we too are invited to rediscover what it means to be a community of believers, not simply attenders at Mass.

Our Church is more than walls...it's us, the Body of Christ, walking together in faith. And here in Seaford, Newhaven, and Peacehaven, we are blessed to see signs of new life: young families and new faces joining our parish communities. Thanks be to God!

This Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that mercy is the heart of our mission. It is mercy...lived and shared...that will renew our parishes and draw others to Christ. Let us continue to walk together with hope, joy, and compassion.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – Year C Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:

### Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April 6pm Seaford int: People of the Parish
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> April 11 am Peacehaven int: Lilia Murray RIP

#### Midweek

- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April St Pius V, Pope, 10am, Peacehaven, Int Michael Gilbert RIP
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May St Joseph the Worker, 10am, Seaford, *Int: Jimmy O'Brien RIP* 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May 6pm Peacehaven int: People of the Parish
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Seaford Int: Vocations for the Priesthood (Catenians)

#### **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), Thurs 6pm (Pastoral Plan), Fri 10am

#### Rosary:

- Seaford | Sat 9.15am, Thurs 9.30am
- Peacehaven | Wed 9.30am, Fri 9.30am

#### Benediction:

Sunday 6pm | Seaford

Mass Intention envelopes are in the porch - minimum 20 weeks' notice.

Mass Attendance: 20th April: Seaford 303 & Peacehaven 200

Offertory: Seaford: £2246.58 Peacehaven: £791

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

- Family of Faith: our next session is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, starting with Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Thomas More at 11am. Please talk to Mary Ann or Claire to find out more.
- Christan Aid Week May 11<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Lunch at St Luke's Church, Walmer Road, 31<sup>st</sup> May 12noon-1,30pm, tickets £8 (please contact: 01323 894899)

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