

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025



WELCOME TO THE FIRST WEEK OF

ADVENT:

As we enter this sacred season, we are invited to slow down, breathe deeply, and allow Advent to unfold in its own gentle rhythm. In a world eager to rush ahead to Christmas, Advent offers us a different path — one of watchfulness, waiting, and hope.

Let us resist the temptation to hurry past these quiet weeks. Instead, may this season draw us closer to Christ and to one another, as we journey together toward the light.

Readings for today begin on page 29 of the CTS New Sunday Missal.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION: We will celebrate this patronal solemnity on Monday 8th December with Mass at 10am in Peacehaven followed by Irish coffee and cake in the hall. Do join us.

ADVENT COURSE 2025

Session 2 is on **Saturday 6th December at 10am in STM hall**. We will be looking at the **Call to Family, Community and Participation**, how the family is the 'domestic Church', and how participation in community life is both a right and a responsibility.

MISSIO BOXES (RED BOX): please pass boxes onto Michael Barwick or Lyndsey

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Friday 12th December, 6pm-8pm – party at Peacehaven Hall. An evening of fun, games, crafts, food and prayer. Please let Mary Ann know if you can come.

DIGNITAS PERSONAE ET AMOR DEI:

This new book reflects on Edith Stein's wisdom, featuring contributions from our own Shirley and Hannah. Their insights on neurodiversity and inclusion make this a valuable resource for prayer, study, and reflection. Available in the Seaford Repository for £18.

BIG CHURCH CLEAN:

Join us for the Big Church Clean on Wednesday 17th December at Immaculate Conception and Thursday 18th December at St Thomas More – both clean-ups will take place after Mass. A simple lunch of soup and bread will be provided for workers!

PEACEHAVEN CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets on sale after Mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 7th Dec, 12noon: Carolling, Peacehaven

Sunday 7th Dec, 3pm: Christmas Concert in aid of HomeLink, Seaford

Sunday 14th Dec 11am: Family of Faith

Sunday 14th Dec, 3pm: Christmas afternoon tea, Peacehaven £10 per ticket

Saturday 20th Dec, 7pm: Christmas Carol Singalong – Seaford

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A

Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:

Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass

- Sat 29th Nov 6pm, Peacehaven, *int: Les Parry 97th Birthday*
- Sun 30th Nov 11am, Seaford, *int: People of the Parish*

Midweek:

- Wed 3rd Dec, 10am, Peacehaven, *int: Samantha*
- Thurs 4th Dec, 10am, Seaford, *int: In thanksgiving David Blake Recovery*

Second Sunday of Advent:

- Sat 6th Dec 6pm, Seaford, *int: Bernadette Chandler for Recovery and Peace*
- Sun 7th Dec 11am, Peacehaven *int: Patrick and Elisabeth Rowe RIP*

Solemnity:

- Mon 8 Dec, 10 am, Peacehaven, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *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 | Mon 6.30pm, Tue & Wed 6pm

Adoration:

- Seaford | Tue 10am (Vocations to Married & Family Life)
- 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:

- Seaford | Sunday 6pm

Mass Intention envelopes are in the porch – contact Lyndsey for availability.

Offertory: Seaford: £211.23 2nd collection £38 Peacehaven £423.06 2nd collection £55

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

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