THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO THE SECOND WEEK OF

ADVENT:

As we light the next candle and journey deeper into this season of hope, may we resist the rush and pressures that pull us toward Christmas before its time. Instead, let us pause, breathe, and fully enter into the quiet anticipation of Advent, opening our hearts to God's presence in the waiting.

Readings for today begin on page 33 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 3 is on Saturday13th December at 10am in STM hall. We will be looking at the Option for the Poor from Catholic Social Teaching. Do come along to find out what it is all about – don't worry if you haven't been to the others.

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!

FAMILY OF FAITH DAY:

Our next Family of Faith Day is on Sunday 14th December, starting with Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11am at St Thomas More Chuch. Please let Mary Ann or Claire know f you are coming.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Friday 12th December, 6pm-8pm – party at Peacehaven Hall. Please let Mary Ann know if you can come.

PEACEHAVEN CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th Dec in Church, we are always happy to have new members, just turn up and join in.

ADVENT ANGEL ANTICS:

Each day in Advent, a small angel will be hidden somewhere in St Thomas More Church. If you find her, please take her home as a little Advent gift. Thank you to our lovely Knit and Knatter group for their angel creations!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Wed 24th December, 6pm, Peacehaven Wed 24th December, 6pm, Seaford Thur 25th December, 9am, Peacehaven Thur 25th December, 11am, Seaford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A Liturgy Schedule for the coming week:

Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass 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 8th Dec, 10am, Peacehaven, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary int: People of the Parish

Midweek:

- Wed 10th Dec, 10am, Peacehaven, int: Barbara & Neville Robertson RIP
- Thurs 11th Dec, 10am, Seaford, int Fr Alan Sharpe RIP

Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

- Sat 13th Dec 6pm, Peacehaven, int: Sharon Robertson RIP
- Sun 14th Dec 11am, Seaford, int: Keith Best RIP

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.

Requiem Mass: Michael Mealy RIP, Wednesday 17th Dec, 1pm, Peacehaven

Offertory: Seaford: £ 387.35 Peacehaven £ 185.62 s/o - £755

2nd collection next week: Christmas Flowers

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord." - **Henri Nouwen**

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