

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: SEAFORD, NEWHAVEN & PEACEHAVEN | SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025



WELCOME TO ADVENT WEEK 4:

As we enter the Fourth Week of Advent, our journey of waiting draws very close to its joyful fulfilment. The Church invites us to turn our hearts toward Mary, whose faithful “yes” opened the way for Christ to enter the world. In these final days of preparation, may we slow down amid the busyness, listen for God’s quiet voice, and welcome Emmanuel—God with us—into our homes, our parish, and our lives. Let us continue this sacred time with hope, trust, and joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Readings for today begin on page 42 of the CTS New Sunday Missal.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Please give generously to the Parish Christmas Collection, it is a vital income for the parish and is used to fund the work of our parish and support our visiting priests. **Special envelopes** are available at the back of church for the Christmas Collection should you not be here on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

We will be taking a break from Children’s Liturgy of the Word over Christmas. There will be no children’s liturgy for the next three Sundays. We will start again on Sunday 11th January.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Right Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster. Addressing members of our Diocese earlier this week, Bishop Richard said:

"It has been a real privilege for me to serve you all during these last ten years and I shall be sad to leave the Diocese. May I thank you for all the support, patience and understanding you have shown to me over these years as we have journeyed together.

"I know I can rely on your prayers as I prepare for new responsibilities, and I assure you of my prayers for all that you do in the service of the Church in the Mission that the Lord has entrusted to us all."

Archbishop-elect Moth will become the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who has served in the role since 2009. Cardinal Nichols will now become Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Westminster until Archbishop-elect Moth is installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14 February 2026.

May the **LORD JESUS**, born among us, stay close to us this Christmas and fill our homes with His peace.
God bless, Deacon Stephen.

Liturgy Schedule for the coming TWO weeks:

Holy Mass | Confession is available 30 minutes before Holy Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Expectant Mothers)

- Sat 20th Dec, 6pm, Seaford, *int: People of the Parish*
- Sun 21st Dec, 11am, Peacehaven, *int: Canon Anthony Prescott RIP*

Vigil Mass of the Nativity

- Wed 24th December, 6pm, Peacehaven, *int: People of the Parish*
- Wed 24th December, 6pm, Seaford, *int: People of the Parish*

Christmas Mass of the Day

- Thur 25th December, 9am, Peacehaven, *int: People of the Parish*
- Thur 25th December, 11am, Seaford, *int: People of the Parish*

St Stephen's Day

- Fri 26th December, 10am, Seaford

The Holy Family

- Sat 27th Dec, 6pm, Peacehaven, *int: Christopher Davies*
- Sun 28th Dec, 11am, Seaford, *int: People of the Parish*

Midweek

- Wed 31st Dec, 10am, Peacehaven, *int: Mike Gilbert RIP*
- Thurs 1st Jan, 10am, Seaford, Mary Mother of God, *int: Ronald Hemmings RIP*

Second Sunday of Christmas

- Sat 3rd Jan, 6pm, Seaford, *int: Joan Horden RIP (Foundation Mass)*
- Sun 4th Jan, 11am, 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 | Mon 6.30pm, Tue & Wed 6pm

Adoration:

Peacehaven | Mon 6pm (Vocations), Seaford | Tue 10am

Rosary:

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

Benediction:

- Seaford | Sunday 6pm No Benediction Sunday 28th December

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

Offertory: Seaford: £372.60 Flowers £159.54 Peacehaven £187.84 Flowers £111.61
St Thomas More Church will remain open for prayers as usual throughout the Christmas Season.

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