

The Catholic Church in Seaford, Newhaven & Peacehaven | Sunday 26th April 2026



A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors joining us this weekend as we gather in prayer and celebration on this **Good Shepherd Sunday**.

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, invites us to listen again to the voice of Jesus who knows his people and calls them by name.

In the Gospel (John 10:1–10), Jesus describes himself both as the shepherd and the gate for the sheep. He contrasts his life-giving care with voices that mislead or scatter, reminding us that true discipleship is not about chasing many competing influences, but about learning to recognise and trust his voice. “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The image of Jesus as the gate is especially striking: he is not only the one who leads us, but also the one through whom we find safety, belonging, and pasture. In him we are not driven or exploited, but guided towards “life in abundance.”

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to ask: what voices are shaping our choices, and how might we become more attentive to the voice of the One who leads us to peace and fullness of life?

Volunteers Needed for the Summer Festival

Save the date now: **Saturday 11 July!**

Following the wonderful success of last year’s festival, we are now looking ahead to plan this year’s celebration and we need your help to make it happen.

Our Summer Festival is a real highlight of parish life: live music, delicious food, children’s activities, and joyful encounters for all ages. More than that, it is a celebration of who we are as a parish family, sharing our faith, our friendships, the gifts God has given us.

To bring it all to life, we are looking for volunteers to help in all sorts of ways—before, during, and after the event. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your contribution will make a real difference and help ensure the day is welcoming, joyful, and well run.

If you are able to help, please do get in touch—we would be delighted to hear from you. (Obviously, if you filled in our volunteer form – we will be in touch with you soon!)

Dates for your Diary:

Tues 28 April, 2pm, Circle of Friends, Seaford *please note time*

Sun 17 May, Family of Faith

Mon 22 June, Feast of St Thomas More

Prayer for the Election of a New Bishop

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of your Church, you know your flock and call each of us by name. In this time of waiting, we turn to you with trust. Lead the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton in your gentle care and walk with us as we seek a new shepherd in your name.

May he be a man who listens for your voice above all others, and who walks close to the people entrusted to him. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who have the task of discernment. Free them from haste and fear and open their hearts to your quiet prompting and wise guidance.

Teach us all to remain faithful in prayer and united in hope, confident that you never abandon your Church, but continue to lead us towards life in abundance. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Mass & Prayer Times:

Holy Mass:

Good Shepherd Sunday (page 379 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)

- ❖ **Saturday 25 April**, 6pm, Seaford (*People of the Parish*)
- ❖ **Sunday 26 April**, 11am, Peacehaven (*Felix Ajekwu RIP*)

Midweek:

- ❖ **Wed 29 April**, St Catherine of Siena, 10am, Peacehaven (*Michael Mealy RIP*).
- ❖ **Thurs 30 April**, 10am, Seaford (*Gerry Loney RIP*).

Fifth Sunday of Easter (page 383 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)

- ❖ **Saturday 2 May**, 6pm, Peacehaven (*Ronald Warren RIP*)
- ❖ **Sunday 3 May**, 11am, Seaford (*People of the Parish*)

Coffee & Tea in the Hall after midweek and Sunday Masses.

Confession & Rosary: 30 mins before Holy Mass.

Benediction: Sun 6pm Seaford.

Lauds: Seaford: Mon–Fri 8:30am; Sat/Sun 9am. Peacehaven: Tues 9am.

Vespers: Seaford: Mon–Fri 6:30pm; Peacehaven: Mon 6:30pm, Tues/Wed 6pm.

Mass Intention envelopes are in the porch

Offertory: Peacehaven £281.56 Seaford £431.99

Next Week 2nd Collection: Education for Future Priests

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