

The Catholic Church in Seaford, Newhaven & Peacehaven | Sunday 10th May 2026



Welcome to our parish family as we gather for the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**.

We had a wonderful opportunity this past week to attend the **International Parish Renewal Conference** organised by St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church in Richmond with Divine Renovation. They were long but deeply inspiring days filled with prayer, encouragement, and conversations centred on sharing the story of Jesus Christ in today's world.

The conference focused on the important shift from **"maintenance to mission."** In other words, moving from simply trying to preserve parish life as it is, towards becoming an outward-looking parish that intentionally builds relationships and helps people encounter Jesus Christ and His Church.

We heard from many inspiring speakers, including Fr James Mallon, who reminded us that: ***"It's not so much that the Church of Christ has a mission, as that the mission of Jesus Christ has a Church."***

There was much discussion about parish life, cultural change, evangelisation, leadership, hospitality, music, prayer, and the importance of grounding ourselves deeply in the Truth, Goodness, and Beauty of our

Catholic faith, not only as a Church community, but also as individuals seeking to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One thing became very clear throughout the conference: parish renewal is not about becoming something trendy or fashionable. It is about becoming more authentically Catholic. It is about helping people meet Jesus Christ, encounter His mercy, and discover the beauty of life in His Church.

We will be sharing more in the coming weeks about what we learned, what inspired us, and what this could mean for our own parish community as we continue to ask an important question together:

How do we become a parish that exists not simply to survive as an institution, but to share Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know Him?

Please continue to keep our parish in your prayers as we discern the next steps together.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 17 May, Family of Faith- St Thomas More

Mon 22 June, Feast of St Thomas More

Sat 11 July, Summer Festival at St Thomas More

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Prayer for Parish Renewal:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our parish and the people you have gathered here. For calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelising and witnessing your love to the world.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve you.

We entrust our parish to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build a community of faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Holy Mass & Prayer Times:

Holy Mass: (Confession & Rosary: 30 mins before Holy Mass.)

Sixth Sunday of Easter (page 387 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)

❖ **Saturday 9 May**, 6pm, Seaford (*People of the Parish*)

❖ **Sunday 10 May** 11am, Peacehaven (*Hugh Hoy RIP*)

Midweek:

❖ **Wed 13 May**, 10am, Peacehaven (*Ken Barwick RIP*) *RIP*.

❖ **Thurs 14 May**, 10am, Seaford- **Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation** (Walter Kealy Int)

Seventh Sunday of Easter (page 401 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)

❖ **Saturday 16 May**, 6pm, Peacehaven (*Adrian Quinn RIP*)

❖ **Sunday 17 May**, 11am, Seaford (*People of the Parish*)

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

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.

Adoration: Peacehaven Thurs 6pm and Friday 10 am

Mass Intention envelopes are in the porch

Offertory: Peacehaven £169.53 S/O- £855 Seaford £420.25

Next Week 2nd Collection: World Communications

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