

# The Catholic Church in Seaford, Newhaven & Peacehaven | Sunday 17th May 2026



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

## **Parish Renewal Conference:**

One of the strongest messages was that renewal happens when leadership is shared. We are therefore looking to strengthen and develop a leadership team that can help focus, support and drive our vision for parish renewal and the growth of the **Domestic Church**.

Another area we hope to develop is the formation of small faith-sharing communities. These groups would provide opportunities for people to meet regularly, pray together, support one another and build deeper friendships in faith. Over the coming months, we hope to explore ways of establishing and supporting these groups across the parish.

The conference also highlighted the importance of investing in young people and young adults. While our **Family of Faith days** continue to support young families well, we are aware that many of our young people and young adults need opportunities to connect more deeply with parish life and with one another. We want to continue developing spaces where younger generations feel welcomed,

valued and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ through **formation, fellowship** and **service**.

This June, we'll be walking the last 100km of the **Camino de Santiago**, part of a centuries-old tradition of Christian pilgrimage. **Pilgrimages** have long been a way to step away from everyday life to pray, reflect, and grow closer to God through the journey itself.

In recent years, the Camino has become increasingly popular as people seek space for **silence, simplicity,** and **spiritual renewal**.

Do let Claire know of any prayer requests and intentions.

**Benediction** at St Thomas More will be moving from Sunday to Friday, this will enable Deacon Stephen to visit our sick and housebound on a Sunday afternoon and evening. Do come and join us at 6pm.

Please pray for our **Confirmation candidates** who will be going on retreat on 30 May.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

**Sun 31 May**, Coffee and scones after Mass in aid of Homelink, @STM.

**Mon 22 June**, Feast of St Thomas More

**Sat 11 July**, Summer Festival @STM

## Prayer for students to pray before exams:

Dear LORD, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

**AMEN.**

## Holy Mass & Prayer Times:

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

**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*)

**Midweek:**

❖ **Wed 20 May**, 10am, Peacehaven (*Richard Bull RIP*).

❖ **Thurs 21 May**, 10am, Seaford (*James O'Brien RIP*)

**Pentecost (page 407 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)**

**Saturday 23 May**, 6pm Seaford (*People of the Parish*)

**Sunday 24 May**, 11 am Peacehaven (*Tom Ryan SP-anniversary of Ordination*)

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

**Benediction:** Fri 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/Friday 10am; Seaford: Tue 10am.

**Mass Intention envelopes** are in the porch

**Offertory:** Peacehaven £457.67 Seaford £340.05

**This Week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** World Communications

**Next Week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection :** Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

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