

The Catholic Church in Seaford, Newhaven & Peacehaven | Sunday 19th July 2026

Welcome to our celebration of the **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Whether you are a regular member of our parish family, visiting relatives or friends, or joining us for the first time, we are delighted that you are here. May our prayer together today bring us closer to the Lord and to one another.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. It is a reminder that God is patient and merciful, allowing good to grow even in the midst of life's imperfections. We are encouraged not to lose heart when we encounter difficulties or shortcomings in ourselves, in others, or in the world around us and to trust that God is always at work, bringing about a harvest of goodness in his own time.

May God bless you and your loved ones this week.

Summer Festival

Last weekend's **Summer Festival** was a wonderful celebration of our parish community and truly lived up to our "*It Takes a Parish*" tagline. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a marvellous occasion. We enjoyed fantastic music from our two talented groups, delicious food prepared by parishioners, fun and games for all ages, and an amazing tombola. A special thank you to the many volunteers whose generosity, time, and hard work made the day possible, and to everyone who came along to support the event. It was a joyful reminder that together we really are a parish family.

Celebrating Fr Graham's 30th Anniversary of Ordination

On **Sunday 26th July**, we will give thanks for **Fr Graham Preston's 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**.

We will mark this special occasion at the **11.00am Mass at St Thomas More Church**, followed by tea and cake in the hall and garden.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we celebrate this wonderful milestone and give thanks for Fr Graham's faithful service and ministry over the past 30 years. We hope you will be able to come along and share in this joyful occasion.



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Keeping Prayer at the Heart of Summer

The summer holidays often bring a change of routine, with days that can feel busy, spontaneous, and a little unpredictable. Even so, keeping a simple rhythm of prayer can help remind us that God is with us wherever we are.

Choose a small focal point in your home—a candle (lit by an adult), a cross, a statue, or a rosary—to create a quiet space for prayer. It doesn't need to be elaborate; just a place where your family can pause together for a minute or two.

Morning Prayer

Loving God, thank You for the gift of this new day. Be with us in all that we do. Help us to be kind, grateful, and loving to everyone we meet. Bless our family and keep us safe. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Loving God, thank You for today. Forgive us for the times we have not loved as You ask. Thank You for all the good things we have enjoyed. Watch over us through the night and help us to wake ready to serve You tomorrow. Amen.

Holy Mass & Prayer in the Parish

Holy Mass and Intentions			
Day & Date	Time	Church	Intention
16 th Sunday in Ordinary time (CTS Missal p746)			
Sunday 19 July	9am	Peacehaven	David Difford RIP
Sunday 19 July	11am	Seaford	People of the Parish
Tuesday 21 July	7.30pm	Seaford	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 22 July	10am	Peacehaven	Elizabeth & Patrick Rowe RIP
Thursday 23 July	10am	Seaford	Catherine Abbott & Sister RIP
Confession and Rosary 30min before every Holy Mass			
Prayer & Devotions			
Devotion:	Times:		
Lauds	Seaford: Monday – Friday 8.30am, Sat & Sun 9am Peacehaven: Tuesday 9am		
Vespers	Seaford: Monday – Thursday 6.30pm Peacehaven: Mon 5.30pm, Tue & Wed 6pm		
Adoration	Seaford: Tuesday 9.45am Peacehaven: Thursday 6pm; Friday 10am		
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after all Masses. Everyone is warmly welcome.			

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