

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

Welcome to our celebration of the **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. May our prayer together today bring us closer to the Lord and to one another.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a hidden treasure and a pearl of great price—reminding us that the Kingdom of God is worth more than anything else we could possess. The challenge for us is simple: what do we treasure most? Amid the busyness of summer, may we make space for prayer, for Holy Mass, and for one another, keeping Christ at the centre of our lives. When we put him first, we discover the true treasure that never fades.

May God bless you and your family this week.

Episcopal Ordination:

Fr Stephen Wang will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Monday 19 October at 12 noon. The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our community of faith and will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral.

From Deacon Stephen:

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, messages, and kind words. Your prayers and encouragement have meant a great deal to me. Please keep me and my family in your prayers, as I will continue to keep you in mine. God Bless.

Assisted Suicide Bill to return to parliament:

The Assisted Dying Bill will return to Parliament on **11 September**, when MPs will vote on its Second Reading. The Catholic Church continues to oppose this legislation, believing that every human life is a precious gift and that those nearing the end of life deserve compassionate care, excellent palliative support, and protection from any pressure to end their lives.

Archbishop Richard Moth encourages us all to contact our MP – even if you have already done so - and ask them to vote against the Bill. The charity Right to Life UK provides a simple way to contact your MP through its website.

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Prayer for Deacon Stephen and Our New Pastor

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the faithful ministry of Deacon Stephen and for the love, care, and encouragement he has shared with our parish. Bless him abundantly as he begins this new chapter, and continue to guide him in all that lies ahead.

As we look to the future, we pray especially for the person you are calling to be our new pastor. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, giving them wisdom, compassion, courage, and a heart after your own. Prepare them for the people they will serve, and prepare us to welcome them with faith, hope, and generosity.

May our parish continue to grow as a joyful community of prayer, formation, and mission, always trusting in your loving providence.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass & Prayer in the Parish

Holy Mass and Intentions			
Day & Date	Time	Church	Intention
17 th Sunday in Ordinary time			
Sunday 26 July	9am	Peacehaven	Mary O'Connor RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 26 July	11am	Seaford	People of the Parish
Tuesday 28 July	7.30pm	Seaford	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 29 July	10am	Peacehaven	Ann Collard RIP
Thursday 30 July	10am	Seaford	Jennie Rogers RIP
Confession 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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