

PARISH PRIESTS

Peacehaven was initially served from Newhaven, our early history is closely linked with theirs and so the Newhaven history, as it affects Peacehaven and its beginnings, up to 1970 is recounted.

The Newhaven "Mission" was founded in 1895 and taken over by the Assumptionist Fathers (A.A) in 1902 at the request of Cardinal Bourne, Bishop of Southwick. Fr.Barnaby Gizaud was the first Parish Priest followed by Fr.Delphin Coussirat in 1905.

1902	Father Barnaby Gizaud
1905	Father Delphin Coussirat
1923	Father Berchmans Lefebvre
1927	Father Cecil Bruet
1933	Father Charles Vermech
1938 - 1947	Father Delphin Coussirat

The War Years 1939 – 1945

1940	The church was hit and rendered unusable
1944	The church was bombed again
1944 – 1953	Repairs to the church continued.
1948	Father Malachi Corbet Assistant: Father Bernard Walstan
1960	Father O'Leary Assistant: Father Christopher Burgess

1960 - 1970 Some of the Augustinians who served the church in the years up till July 1970 when it was released to the diocese were Father Ambrose Moss, Fr Christopher Burgess, Fr Augustine Danby Fr Charles Verhaart and Fr Richard Leppard.

1965	Father Christopher Burgess
1970 -1985	Father Leonard Turner
1985 – 1987	Father John Stone
1987 – 1991	Father Patrick Kenny
1991 – 1998	Father Paul Jennings
1998 – 2001	Father Patrick Emmanuel

2001 – 2004 Following the tragic death of Fr Emmanuel many different priests including Fr Chris Bedford, Fr Douglas Perkins and Fr Weston maintained all the services

2004 – 2011	Father Tom Ryan
2011 – 2014	Father Kevin O'Donnell
2014 - Present	Father Ian Byrnes