

Summary of the Parish Meeting with Bishop Richard to
discuss the Diocesan Plan and the future Pastoral plan
for Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford

May 22, 2022

- Fr. Ian is retiring this year exact date is still to be finalised.
- Canon Jonathan will serve the parish with 2 permanent Deacons, Deacon Colin Purchase and Deacon Stephen Sharp, who is going to be the Parish Administrator and live at the presbytery in Seaford.
- Peacehaven and Seaford will remain as separate Parishes, as will Lewes, all remaining under the Lewes Deanery.
- The exact date for this change is still under discussion with Fr. Ian and Fr. Jonathan.
- Fr. Jonathan will celebrate Sunday Mass in all three Parishes each week, details and timings are still be confirmed. Fr. Jonathan is certain this is “doable”.
- Weekday Masses in each Parish will also take place on a reduced basis, again exact details are still being finalised.

- Bishop Richard held a similar Parish Meeting in Lewes on Monday May 23, 2022, to share the Plans and impact to the Lewes Parish
- A recording of the meeting has been posted on the SeaPeace website.
- Bishop Richard emphasised that from September Fr Ian will join our other retired priests, Fr Chris Benyon and Fr Chris Keen who sometimes supply in our Parishes of Seaford and Peacehaven. Fr Ian Said he would like to continue his help and skills with the masses for our Deaf Community. It is important that our retired priests are not tied down to the Parish to say Mass on a regular basis but feel that if they want to help, they can.
- Fr Jonathan Martin has included a message about the change to his parishioners in Lewes, in their newsletter this week. It can be found on their website.