



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and Seaford Ecumenical Centre
(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

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*(Please submit newsletter items to
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CHILD PROTECTION

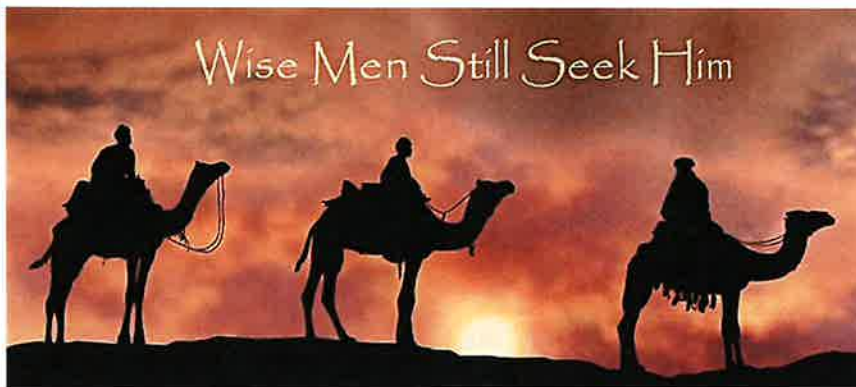
Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

• SATURDAY EVENING
6.00pm - St Luke's

• SUNDAYS

9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga
10.45am - SCC, Seaford
11.00am - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish
2.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your
light has come, the glory of the Lord
is rising on you, though night still
covers the earth and darkness the
peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and
above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light and
kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming
towards you, your sons from far
away and daughters being tenderly
carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full; since
the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to
you; camels in throngs will cover
you, and dromedaries of Midian and
Ephah; everyone in Sheba will
come, bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

*Lord, every nation on earth will
adore you.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have
been entrusted by God with the
grace he meant for you, and that it
was by a revelation that I was given
the knowledge of the mystery. This
mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy

apostles and prophets was unknown
to any men in past generations; it
means that pagans now share the
same inheritance, that they are parts
of the same body, and that the same
promise has been made to them, in
Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at
Bethlehem in Judaea during the
reign of King Herod, some wise men
came to Jerusalem from the east.
'Where is the infant king of the
Jews?' they asked.

'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When
King Herod heard this he was
perturbed, and so was the whole of
Jerusalem. He called together all the
chief priests and the scribes of the
people, and enquired of them where
the Christ was to be born. 'At
Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him,
'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land
of Judah, you are by no means
least among the leaders of
Judah, for out of you will come a
leader who will shepherd my
people Israel.'*

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COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS (Current from 27 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres - with social distancing of 2 metres.
Gathering at home cap: 10 (gatherings at residential premises, including residents of residential premises)
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- At this time, we haven't received any information re singing during Church services, but certainly singing has been restricted in other venues.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:
[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a *church*

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Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

JOURNEY INTO LIGHT

The Magi came from the land where the sun rises; they had to turn their back on the light in order to come to the true light who is Christ. They are amongst the first disciples in the New Testament.

Leaving Jerusalem the Magi found and followed their star and it led them to where the child was. Their reaction was different from Herod's: he was troubled, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. They then entered the house. This is the house of God, not the temple in Jerusalem, but this house sheltering the cradle of the king who will shepherd his people, there they offered their gifts.

There are three invitations to worship the infant king. The shepherds and the wise men make the journey; they make the journey from the periphery to the centre.

There is a third invitation to Herod and all Jerusalem, but Herod and all Jerusalem do not make the journey. In the Incarnation the world is turned inside out the periphery becomes the centre. *Fr Alan White OP*

THERE ARE NO FOREIGNERS

The meaning is very clear from the general context of Matthew's Gospel. God, in the person of Jesus, is reaching out to the whole world. More than that, the religious leaders of his own people, although clearly aware of where the Messiah would be born, made no effort whatever to investigate. Yet Bethlehem was "just down the road", so to speak, from Jerusalem.

These pagan foreigners, on the other hand, went to great lengths to find the "King of the Jews" and "do him homage".

All in all, today's feast is telling us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. From his point of view, all are equally his beloved children. We all, whatever external physical or cultural differences there may be between us, belong to one single family which has one Father, "our" Father. It means that every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else. *Fr Frank Doyle SJ*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 January)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 06:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-12; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 08:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 09:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).