

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
Mt 5:3



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

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## **NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

Cnr Goldsmith Drive and Honeypot Rd, (PO Box 406) NOARLUNGA, SA 5168 Phone: 8382 1717

*(Please leave a message outside office hours and we will get back to you as soon as we can)*

Email: [nswcp@tpg.com.au](mailto:nswcp@tpg.com.au)

Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday  
10.00am - 3.00pm

### **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

#### **• PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;  
in an emergency 0452 524 169;  
[jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))

#### **• ASSISTANT PRIEST**

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
(8382 1717; [okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))

#### **• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER**

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;  
[fishlock11@tpg.com.au](mailto:fishlock11@tpg.com.au)

*(Please submit newsletter items to the Parish Office by 11.30am each Wednesday)*

#### **• SEAFORD**

Sr Bernie Sontrop SGS – SCC  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

### **REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **• SATURDAY EVENING**

6.00pm - St Luke's, Noarlunga

#### **• SUNDAYS**

9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

10.45am - SCC, Seaford

11.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Spanish

2.00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Filipino

5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



### **FIRST READING**

**Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 145: 7-10**

*Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it

was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 5:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.*

*Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he

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**Baptism of Infants:** 8382 1717

**Children's Faith Formation**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am and  
Half an hour before all weekend masses

**Pastoral Coordinator:**

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

**Child Safe Contact Person:**

Nicoline Henderson  
0404 297 930

**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:**

Dr Paul Rijken

**Chairperson Liturgy Group:**

Margaret Burns

**Parish Schools and Colleges:**

**St John the Apostle** 8382 2064  
Principal - Ms Lee-Anne Johansen

**All Saints** 83270020  
Principal - Mrs Liz Keogh

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500  
Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

Heads of Campus:

Marian—Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**

**4 Feb**

Cleaning: Paddy Lamb

Vacuuming:

**Finances 14/15 Jan:**

1st Collection \$929

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$401 (30 envelopes)

Open Plate \$911

Thank you for your ongoing support and  
commitment to the community.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open

10.00am—3.00pm on  
Tuesday—Friday

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

### Noticeboard:

11 Feb To be Planted by God—

Fr Selva Raj

23 Feb Spiritual Healing Retreat

**Reader, Eucharistic Minister and  
Cleaner rosters are available on  
the Information Desk.**

**CHANGES TO COVID RULES ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF  
THIS NEWSLETTER.**

## WALK FOR LIFE

JOIN US AS WE WALK FOR LIFE  
TO BRING AN END TO ABORTION,  
LET THEM LIVE!

**SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2023**

10:00AM -12:00PM

**Pennington Gardens**

Opposite St Peter's Cathedral

### \$5 Donation Parking

Adelaide Oval carpark  
Enter from Pennington Tce

### Gates

Gates will be open from  
9am. Bring your ticket!

**Don't forget** to bring a  
drink bottle; and remember  
to slip, slop and slap!

### Tickets

**FREE** tickets available go  
to [loveadelaide.org.au](http://loveadelaide.org.au)

**PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT**

No megaphones, no signs. Posters for this event will be  
provided. Please obey the marshals & police on the walk.

This walk will be peaceful.

Check out the guidelines at [loveadelaide.org.au/guidelines](http://loveadelaide.org.au/guidelines)

**FREE ENTRY TICKETS**

[LOVEADELAIDE.ORG.AU/EVENT-DETAILS/WALKFORLIFE](http://LOVEADELAIDE.ORG.AU/EVENT-DETAILS/WALKFORLIFE)

## LET THEM LIVE

For more information - [loveadelaide.org.au](http://loveadelaide.org.au)



### PALMS REQUIRED FOR PALM SUNDAY

If anybody has palms to donate please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

### DATE CLAIMERS

World Day of Prayer—Friday 3 March

Marian Procession—Sunday 21 May at 2.00pm

### LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS—\$5 each

Please order and pay Gabrielle at the Parish Office—8382 1717.

Volunteers are needed to run day or evening sessions, if you can help  
please contact Gabrielle.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM**

**Pray for the healing of:** Angela Young, Catherine Kelley, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Joan Lavender, Astrid Houareau, Alison Pyne, Mark Malagoski, Chris Leahy



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Ivan Kolar

*We keep in mind and our prayers those who have died and those who grieve.*

(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

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**Rosters for weekend 4/5 February**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
P1	D van Heerde	Soraya Ramirez	Yvonne Bennett
P2	Christine Challis	Barney Manning	Rhea Thomas
W	A Fernandes	Salvador Vega	Gabrielle Byrne
Music	Sandiwa		

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**MEETING FOR SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS—10.30am on Saturday 4 February**

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**DISCERNMENT GROUP**

“Follow me”

A time of prayer, reflection and discussion for young men discerning a call to the priesthood.

**Saturday February 4 at 10am in the Sacristy of the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St.**

For further enquiries contact Fr Dean Marin, Director of Vocations on 82108122 or at [vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

“Leaving the boat and their father, they followed him”  
Matthew 4.22

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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

The students in our parish family begin school this week. Let us all remember our young people in our prayers and ask God’s blessings on them all, from the littlest 5 year olds to our 17 and 18 year olds entering their final year of schooling. We wish them all a year filled with much happiness, new friendships and exciting learning.

We also ask God’s blessings on all those who staff our schools as they begin a new year of new challenges.

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**ST JOHN’S SCHOOL MASSES**

In 2023 St John’s School Masses will be on Wednesdays at 12.15pm, commencing on 8 February. All parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses.

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**PRAYER MEETING** recommencing on Thursday 2 February at 10am.

**WHAT’S ON**

Mon	30 Jan	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s
Tues	31 Jan	Feast of St John Bosco Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s
Wed	1 Feb	Mass at All Saints/SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke’s
Thurs	2 Feb	Presentation of the Lord Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Meeting—10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke’s
Fri	3 Feb	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke’s Mass 10.00am—St Luke’s Ladies Coffee & Cake—10.30am
Sat	4 Feb	Reconciliation at 9.00am –St Luke’s Meeting Sacristans & Altar Servers—10.30am Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke’s
Sun	5 Feb	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm – St Luke’s Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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**ACCOMMODATION NEEDED**

From mid February two students from India will be needing accommodation in Adelaide while they attend university. If anyone knows of any available suitable accommodation (eg granny flat) please contact Fr Josie.



**LADIES COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**

**Friday 3 February at 10.30am**

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

**Saturday 11 February at 8am**



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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

For those who wish to become and/or continue in this role and missed the training day last year, would you please contact the Parish Office. Dates for sessions will be announced later.

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**REFLECTION: TO BE PLANTED BY GOD**

Saturday 11 February, 10.30am to 3.30pm  
Guest Speaker & Celebrant, Fr Selva Raj  
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich  
Coffee & tea provided : bring own lunch

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**RCIA**

Are you interested in becoming a Sponsor for a Catechumen in the RCIA? As Sponsor you would serve as a spiritual companion and offer support and encouragement for the Catechumen during their journey of faith and welcome into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please contact Gabrielle in the Parish Office on 8382 1717 or 0422 804579.

**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 27/01/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- This collection of sayings is known as the Beatitudes, which means blessings.
- This text is also known as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke also has a version of this text, but it is set on a plain by the Sea of Galilee (Luke 6:20-26).
- Just as Moses received the Law on Mt Sinai, Matthew situates Jesus giving the new law on a mountain.
- There are a number of instances in his Gospel where Matthew parallels Jesus with Moses. Again, this may be to appeal to the largely Jewish audience of his own community.



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began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

**CLASSICS ANEW**

Certain pieces of music have had an incredible impact on my life. The first time I heard Pachelbel’s “Canon in D Major,” I was brought to tears. I felt the same way when I heard Ralph Vaughn William’s “Adagio for Strings” and the Righteous Brothers’ “Unchained Melody”. These three pieces remain favourites of mine and still have a huge impact on me. But nothing can replace the very first time I heard them.

Our gospel this weekend is one of the most important passages in all of scripture. The Beatitudes are the sum total of the meaning of salvation that Jesus came to share with us. They were destined to become the guideposts of who we are, even more than what we do, as Christians. They are radical in their outlook, challenging those who hear them to look at the world and all they value in new and different ways.

Imagine the very first time the Beatitudes were heard by the crowd

and the disciples sitting on the side of the hill. Most probably fled, some in disgust, others laughing at Jesus’ naïveté, and some in fear of the power of his message. The disciples must have felt something stir within them that would be dormant until the Spirit anointed them on the first Pentecost.

We’ve heard these words at weddings, at funerals, at Sunday Mass, and at prayer services. So perhaps they have lost some of their impact. Can we try to hear them as though we’ve never heard them before? Maybe not. But let’s listen more closely the next time the words “Blessed are ...” are proclaimed to our ears and hearts.

*The Commissioning:*

Go from here to be God’s blessing. We will nurture our spiritual life. We will comfort those who suffer loss. We will affirm the humble. We will search diligently for the truth-tellers. We will find the compassionate way and live it. We will be light in the dark places. We will follow the peaceful way. We will be ready to pay the price for faithful living.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

(30 January - 5 February)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20)
- **Tuesday 31:** St John Bosco (Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43)
- **Wednesday 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6)
- **Thursday 2:** The Presentation of the Lord (Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40)
- **Friday 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29)
- **Saturday 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34)
- **Sunday 5:** FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16)

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8382 1717; or in an emergency 0452 524 169.