



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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• ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha
(8382 1717; 0421 074 212
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• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
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(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 - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish

2.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino

5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 14 February

All Saints / SCC	9:15am
Galilee / Aldinga	9:15am
St Johns School	12:00 noon
Willunga	9:00am
St Luke's	7:30pm

Parishioners are welcome to attend the school Masses.



Day of the Unborn Child Appeal 10th and 11th February, 2024

A special collection will be taken up this weekend in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

Regional Assembly Gathering

All parishioners are invited to the Regional Assembly Day to share and discern our future as parish and church with participants from other parishes in our region on Saturday, 9 March 2024 at Cardijn College from 9:30am to 4:30pm followed by Mass in St Luke's at 5 pm.

The Regional Gathering provides an opportunity for parishioners from our regional parishes to gather together to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs and collaborate on our missionary action as a parish.

Please register your name and details on the sheet at the foyer information desk – more details about the day at the desk.



We welcome to our faith community:

Wolfie Arian and Skyla Rina Kleeman,
children Brodie John Kleeman and Kimberly Sison,
who will be baptised on Saturday, 10 February.

We wish them and their family God's richest blessings.



**There will be a 7:00pm Mass
followed by the
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
every Friday during Lent
commencing Friday 16 February.**

Church Cleaning

For weekend 17/18 February

Cleaning: Volunteer

Vacuuming: Volunteer

Finances : February

For weekend 3/4 February

1st Collection \$749.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$377.00 (24 envelopes)

Open Plate \$679.00

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

10.00am—2.30pm

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:

2024 Upcoming Courses

2024 Charis SA Services



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to marginalised communities throughout the world. We're inviting a parishioner to volunteer to help coordinate Project Compassion in your parish community. To find out more or register your interest, please email education@caritas.org.au

CHARIS SA INVITES YOU INTRODUCING THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Saturday 10 February, 10:00am to 3:00pm
Guest Speaker & Celebrant, Fr Selva Raj
St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich

Coffee & tea provided : bring own lunch
(Donations are appreciated)



There will be an opportunity for Adoration after the Stations of the Cross.

Pray for the healing of: Neville D’Cruz
Pat Leahy, Terry Cahalan, Connie Anderson,
Bill Tanti, James Stewart, Gentile Monardo,
Cate Lavelle, Raymond Peppin, Shelley Heard,
Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Anthony Clare and Frances Clare
(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

Roster for weekend 17/18 February

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P	Fr Josy	Fr Dominick	Fr Dominick
P1	Paul Rijken	Michael Pols	Wade Champion
P2	Brenda Byrne	Jordan Faulkner	Yvonne Bennett
W	Annabelle Fernandes	Danielle Greig	Theresa Tanti
HC	Kevin Barry	Maria Thomas	Gabrielle Byrne
	Anton Crane	Thomas Harry	Sheralee vanHeerde
Children’s Liturgy		Megan and Di	
Music	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM will commence at St Luke’s in February 2024.

If you would like your child to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 to register or for more information.

The **Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day** will be held at West Beach Park Golf on Monday, 18 March with a 12:30pm shotgun start. Attractive prizes for men and women awaits. The John Mahoney Trophy will be awarded to the parish with the best three Stableford scores. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the presentation dinner from 6:15pm.
Cost for dinner is \$95. Entries close on Friday, 5 March. Enquiries to Denis Toohey on 8353 1273.



CHILD PROTECTION



Children should not be separated from their parents unless it is for their own good. For example, if a parent is mistreating or neglecting a child. Children whose parents have separated have the right to stay in contact with both parents, unless this might harm the child.

**CHILDRENS’ MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM AND 5:30PM.
NEXT MASS WILL BE 3 MARCH.**

WHAT’S ON

- Mon 12 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke’s
- Tues 13 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke’s
- Wed 14 February See listed Ash Wednesday Mass Times
- Thurs 15 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke’s
Benediction at 10:30am
Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke’s
RCIA at 7:00pm
SCC Council Meeting at 7:00pm
- Fri 16 February Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke’s
Mass 10.00am -St Luke’s
Mass at 7:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross - St Luke’s
- Sat 17 February Reconciliation at 9:00am –St Luke’s
Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke’s
- Sun 18 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke’s
Mass at 10:45am - SCC
Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke’s

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SCC ECUMENICAL LENT REFLECTION PROGRAM

Commencing Ash Wednesday, 14th February, 10:30 – 12:00 noon.

A prayerful time of reflecting and sharing on the Lenten Sunday gospels and their invitation to us in our daily lives.

PLEASE SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM on the table at the back of the worship space or at the Reception Desk by Sunday 11th February.

- Sr Bernardina Sontrop SGS

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with **Pietà**, an 80-page (full-colour book) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. There will also be visio divina (“divine seeing”) —an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into a sacred image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. These **Lenten Booklets** are available from the Parish Office for \$10.00 each.



Volunteer Police Clearances

It is a legal requirement that all Parish Volunteers hold an up to date police clearance.
If your clearance is about to expire, please contact the Parish Office for renewal.

**For parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, kindly wait until all the other parishioners have received Holy Communion in the hand.
Holy Communion on the tongue will be distributed by the priest. Please consume the host immediately.**

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BAPTISM of INFANTS
Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of
RECONCILIATION**
Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am
or by appointment

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR
Gabrielle Byrne
Phone: 0422 804 579
Email: gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

CHILD PROTECTION
We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

Contact - Gabrielle Byrne
Phone: 0422 804 579
Email: gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com
Child Protection Unit: 8210 8159

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Chairperson - Paul Rijken

PARISH LITURGY GROUP
Chairperson - Margaret Burns

**PARISH SCHOOLS and
COLLEGES**
• St John the Apostle (8382 2064)
Principal - Lee-Anne Johansen

• All Saints (8327 0020)
Principal - Nick Wright

• Cardijn College (8392 9500)
Principal - Steve Byrne
Heads of Campus
Marian - Wade Champion
Galilee - Kerri Gould (8557 9000)
Marcellin - Gianni Petrucci

KID'S CORNER

In this week's Gospel, a man asks Jesus to heal him of his leprosy. Jesus sees his strong faith and responds. What a moment it must have been for the man to hear Jesus' words, feel Jesus' touch and see his own skin, clear and no longer covered with sores. Not everyone who comes to Jesus for healing has a disease like this man's. Some of us have hurts on the inside. We have worries. We have sins. But we have faith in Jesus. Like this man, we ask Jesus for healing. Try it today.

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The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

A DWELLING APART

(Mark 1:40-45)

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in this story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

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I WAS BORN THIS WAY

(Mark 1:40-42)

A leper came to Jesus, begging on his knees, "If you want to, you can cleanse me". Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him, and said, "I want to. Be clean". Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin smooth and healthy.

Every day of my third-grade year started with the same routine: My sister and I would board the school bus braced for the abuse that would be hurled my way by a handful of older boys – seventh and eighth graders –

who took offence at my very pronounced overbite. The moment they saw me, the chant would begin: "How much wood could a P.J. chuck if a P.J. could chuck wood, hey! How much wood ..."

One day, my older sister, who was in fifth grade, mustered courage to snap at the boys, "Leave her alone. She can't help it. She was born that way!"

"No, I wasn't," I chimed in. "I have buck teeth from sucking my finger."

"Shhh," said my sister. "It sounds better to say you were born that way."

Personally, I thought it seemed awfully mean to be picked on for my crooked teeth regardless of when or how I got them. But in the world of human justice, mercy is measured and weighed against the role we play in bringing about our maladies. If it's our fault we're sick or deformed, then we deserve to be ridiculed and abused.

I'm glad we sinners have the world of divine justice to fall back on. Love and mercy flow more abundantly and indiscriminately there. As imitators of Christ, what lepers in our society can we greet each day with compassion instead of contempt? GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 February)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 6 (James 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 14:** ASH WEDNESDAY (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 18:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22;

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.