



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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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; in an emergency 0452 524 169; jponnambal@gmail.com)

• ASSISTANT PRIEST

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• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER

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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

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS.

I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH....

BUT TO FULFILL



heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has

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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

18 Feb

Cleaning: Jane and Pat

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

Finances 4/5 Feb:

1st Collection \$934

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$478 (30 envelopes)

Open Plate \$730

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:

23 Feb Spiritual Healing Retreat

3 Mar World Day of Prayer 2023

2023 Upcoming Courses

Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



Stations of Cross

every Friday during Lent

at 7.00pm

commencing Friday 24 February

MASS TIMES—ASH WEDNESDAY—22 FEBRUARY



9.15am	All Saints/SCC	7.00pm	Willunga
9.15am	Aldinga	7.30pm	St Luke's
12.15pm	St John's		

Parishioners are welcome to attend school Masses.

CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS BRIEFING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90-minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

A **Volunteer Briefing** will be held at Brighton Parish on:

Thursday 16 February 2023

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Brighton Parish Activity Centre

24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton

Parking available (behind Parish Office building), access from Old Beach Road

If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RRHAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.

Please note: the content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.

Please contact the **Child Protection Unit** to book into this session, either via email at childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au or by phone on 8210 8159

Thank you for your part in helping us to provide care and safety for our children and young people.

Child Protection Unit

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA

****CANCELLED 16 FEBRUARY****

Pray for the healing of: Angela Young, Catherine Kelley, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Joan Lavender, Astrid Houareau, Alison Pyne, Mark Malagoski, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Steven Wright, Veronica Anderson, Raymond Peppin



Deceased: Chris Leahy, Jeanette Esposito

Anniversaries: Grace Mogg

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).

Rosters for weekend 18/19 February

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Brenda Byrne	All Saints &)	Maria Thomas
P2	A Fernandes	St John's)	Paul Knobloch
W	Christine Challis	School Staff)	Therese Tanti

Music Sandiwa

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.

Please note for this week only the St John's School Mass will be on Thursday 16 February.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 TAIWAN

Hosted by The Salvation Army Noarlunga, 186 Elizabeth Rd, Morphett Vale on Friday 3 March at 2pm. If you are attending and would like to do a short Reading please contact Marilyn Jones on 0410052895.

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.

PALMS REQUIRED FOR PALM SUNDAY

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

WHAT'S ON

Mon	13 Feb	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	14 Feb	Feast of Sts Cyril and Methodius Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	15 Feb	Mass at All Saints/SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	16 Feb	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Meeting—10.00am Mass at 12.15pm—St John's Benediction at 12.30pm **Cancelled** Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	17 Feb	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	18 Feb	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	19 Feb	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the month at St Luke's after 10am Mass

The February edition of the Southern Cross is available on the Information Desk.

RCIA



Please pray for the RCIA candidates as they complete their journey into full initiation in our faith at Easter.



St Luke's needs the help of many volunteers with a wide range of skills to help with the smooth running of the Parish.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners who are generous with their time.

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 09/02/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 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.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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?

- Two of the major divisions of the Jewish Scriptures are the Law (comprising the first five books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Torah) and the Prophets (nebi'im in Hebrew). The other major division is known as the Writings (ketubim in Hebrew) and comprises the Wisdom literature of Israel, including such books as the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Ruth.
- The Pharisees were a group of very pious Jews who observed all the laws of Israel. They are often depicted in the gospels as overly legalistic or even hypocritical, but this is probably an unfair depiction that has been influenced by the events surrounding the separation of the early Christians from the mainstream Jewish religion after the destruction of the temple in AD 70.
- The origin of the term scribes is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.

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something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

Years ago, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd interviewed former President Jimmy Carter during a book tour. At the time, an East Coast political candidate was under fire for her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For Dowd it

brought back memories of Carter's notorious confession in a Playboy magazine interview in 1976. "While he had always been faithful to soul (and sole) mate Rosalynn," Dowd wrote, he acknowledged that he had committed adultery "in his heart," a frank and humble admission with this week's gospel in mind.

Carter might have been naïve in answering the interviewer's question so honestly using terms of his own Christian faith. His candour about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of Tonight Show jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. "I dropped 15 percentage points," Carter said, "and I almost lost the election". Pointing to Carter's continuing frankness even today, Dowd says several times in her column, "It's not easy being Jimmy".

But then it's not easy for anyone to be a Christian, and it shouldn't be. Jesus' words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely "looking good" to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to God.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Sts Cyril, and Methodius (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday 19:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

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.