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Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SEVENTH 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;
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Fr Dominick Okwadha
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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 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:
"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows*

how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven,

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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

25 Feb

Cleaning: Sally Stanfield

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances 11/12 Feb:

1st Collection \$900

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$390 (25 envelopes)

Open Plate \$789

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

10,11,12 Mar Walking in Victory Retreat

2023 Upcoming Courses

Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 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 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

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/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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.



Stations of the Cross

every Friday during Lent

at 7.00pm

commencing Friday 24 February

**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, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Steven Wright, Veronica Anderson, Raymond Peppin



Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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 25/26 February

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Christine Jones	Angeline D'Cruz	Theresa Tanti
P2	Mary Kralj	Erica Badics	Gabrielle Byrne
W	Denis Jones	Marie Lodge	Yvonne Bennett
	Music Children's Choir	Folk Group	Thomas

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.

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.

PALMS REQUIRED FOR PALM SUNDAY

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers are needed for the Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass, training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

WHAT'S ON

Mon	20 Feb	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	21 Feb	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	22 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass at All Saints/SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass at St John's—12.15pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	23 Feb	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Meeting—10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	24 Feb	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's Youth Group—6.00pm Stations of the Cross—7.00pm—St Luke's
Sat	25 Feb	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	26 Feb	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

RCIA



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

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

is served after 9.00am Mass.

If you are happy to help and be rostered on please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

FUNERAL REFRESHMENTS

Thank you A big 'Thank You' to the Refreshment Team and to parishioners who donated extra food for Chris Leahy's recent funeral. We had food for the 'army' and I'm sure your cheerful and generous service eased the load for Pat and Chris's family. Blessings! Julia Macey

PS. We are always happy to welcome new people onto the team – from 16 years to ?? - !! Tel. 83844036

WALKING IN VICTORY RETREAT

Colin Calmiano, Lay Catholic Missionary India
10, 11 & 12 March

St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich
7.00pm to 9.00pm Friday (including Adoration)

10.00am to 4.00pm Saturday (including Mass)

11.00am to 4.00pm Sunday (including Mass)

Tea & Coffee provided, bring your own food only.

Your generous donation appreciated.
Contact: 0407060715

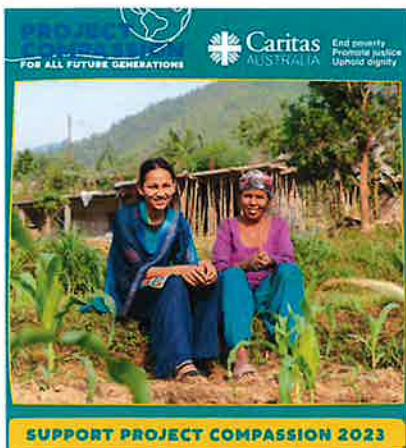
**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 16/02/23)



- 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?

- ‘An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.’ This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.
- In Jesus’ time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.



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for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

DO NO HARM

One of the more famous embodiments of the message behind today’s gospel reading is Mahatma Gandhi’s non-violent resistance. Working from the words of Jesus, Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind”. Not only did Gandhi pioneer the idea that mass social change could materialise through non-violent means, but would fast if violent actions occurred against the British by his own people.

Today’s gospel promotes these two ideas: non-violent resistance and loving our enemy. If these concepts seem counterintuitive, it is because they are. Biologically we are wired to react aggressively toward threats to protect against ourselves. Non-violent resistance and loving our enemies are conscious actions that challenge the way life is lived by most people.

Jesus and Gandhi were not only enlightened minds, but they were also strong leaders who manifested what they preached through their actions. As a practitioner of ahimsa, an Indian term meaning “to do no harm,” Gandhi swore to speak the truth and advocated that others do the same. Gandhi gave up any hint of materialism and lived his life in a self-sufficient community. Jesus, too, was famous for immersing himself in the lives of sinners, the poor, the suffering. It is not enough simply to preach. It is only through action that true change can come about.

PERFECTION 101
(Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you’ve got to be kidding. Of

course, I’m going to resist evil. I’m going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who’s already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It’s obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn’t simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn’t resist us even when we’re evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won’t do these things. But thank heaven God will.

Ponder: Clean up a mess you didn’t make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don’t like. Put up with someone who won’t stop talking. Practice holiness. “When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves”.

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THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(20 February - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 26:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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.