



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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 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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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 PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta  
(8382 1717)

Fr Arul Dev  
(8382 1717)

#### • 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 – SEM  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



### FIRST READING

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it

is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 115:10, 15-19*

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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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

**Ministry to Sick:**

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

**Child Safe Contact Person:**

**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:**

Dr Paul Rijken

**Chairperson Liturgy Group:**

Margaret Burns

**Parish Schools and Colleges:**

**St John the Apostle** 8382 2064

Acting Principal - Ms Lee-Anne  
Johansen

**All Saints** 83270020

Principal - Mrs Liz Keogh

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500

Principal - Dr P Rijken

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Mr Pat Harmer

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Chris Burrows

**Church Cleaning**

For weekend 6/7 March

Cleaning: Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

**Finances**

For weekend 20/21 February

1st Collection \$734

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$490 (33 envelopes)

Open Plate \$671

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 emergencies please contact Fr Josy  
on 0452 524 169 or Toni Fishlock on  
0417 801 241.

**Noticeboard:**

Mar 1 Lenten Evening

Mar 5 World Day of Prayer 2021

Mar 6 Faith on Fire—Fr Selva

Mar 8 Lenten Evening

Mar 18 Charismatic Mass

## IMPORTANT COVID RULES TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

These rules are listed on the back of this newsletter.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**   
28 February 2021



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening prayer will be held at St Luke's each Tuesday  
during lent commencing at 7.00pm.

All welcome.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held at St Luke's  
every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.00PM**

**Pray for the healing of:** Jack Vaughan, Bill Tanti, Gerry Burns, Heather D'Cruz, Carmel Henderson, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo, Anthony Cawley, Anton Sylvester, Catherine Kelley, Cherie Morrison, Anne Flint, Miho Forbes



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** John McPhail, Norah Talbot-Biddiss

*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 6/7 March**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Proclaimer 1	Paul Knobloch	Liz Brown
Proclaimer 2	Brenda Byrne	John Van Der Linden
Welcomer	Mary Kralj	Espi Tilbrook

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST LUKE'S**

If you are able to help in any of the following areas it would be greatly appreciated:

Reader

Projectionist (training provided)

COVID Marshal

Please contact Toni in the Parish Office on 8382 1717 if you are willing to help.



**Thank you to all our many wonderful volunteers we have in this Parish.**

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**SUGGESTION BOX**



There is a Suggestion Box on the Information Desk in the foyer. Please feel free to write your suggestions, comments (good and bad) or complaints on the sheets provided and drop them into the Suggestion Box.

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon	Mar 1	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Mar 2	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at St John's—9.15am Lenten Prayer 7pm—St Luke's
Wed	Mar 3	Mass SCC —9.15am Mass at All Saints—9.15am 10am— Craft Group Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Mar 4	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am—Prayer Meeting 2pm—Benediction
Fri	Mar 5	Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am Stations of the Cross 7pm—St Luke's
Sat	Mar 6	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Mar 7	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2021**

**Pray for Vanuatu**

10.00am—Friday 5th March

Church of Christ, Noarlunga Centre

Next to the Police Station

Enquiries: Noela Beenham –0413 197 794

Morning Tea will be supplied.

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**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Sacramental Program will commence at St Luke's on Wednesday 5 May from 6.00pm—8.00pm

For further information please contact

Joanna 0413 219 590

Parish Office 8382 1717

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**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

The new website of the Noarlunga—Seaford Catholic Parish can now be viewed at:

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



**SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

will recommence on Sunday 28th February following the Youth Mass. \$5 per head.

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current for 23/24 January)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- 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 to be 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 but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud,  
the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mk 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his

agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.

- Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

In the biblical tradition a mountain is often used to situate close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured.

Understandably, the disciples are terrified and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough - the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no sidestepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

## 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).