



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 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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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

*Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

### SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the

Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### 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

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

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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**

**11 March**

Cleaning: Jane & Pat

Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

**Finances 25/26 Feb:**

1st Collection \$1340

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$515 (envelopes)

Open Plate \$983

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:

8 Mar International Women's Day

10,11,12 Mar Walking in Victory Retreat

23 Mar Spiritual Healing Retreat

2023 Upcoming Courses

Mar/Apr Mary MacKillop Precinct

### Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



### Second Sunday of Lent 4/5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 on the Information Desk, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

### PARISH CRAWL—SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Parish Crawl comes to St Luke's 9am-1.00pm Sunday 5 March Scan the QR code to grab your FREE ticket (seating purposes at College Auditorium), bring a plate to share. Flick us a message on our Facebook and Instagram Page @parishcrawlsa or speak to Sisilina for more information.

More information on noticeboard.

### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL MASSES

are now on Wednesdays at 12.15pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses.



### Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm

**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:** Steve Wright

**Anniversaries:** Amy D'Cruz

*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 11/12 March

6.00pm                      9.00am                      5.30pm

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Music Children's Choir Folk Group

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.  
Generous donation appreciated. Contact: 0407060715

### SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA

is served after 9.00am Mass. Unfortunately unless we are able to get volunteers this fellowship may have to be cancelled. If you are happy to help and be rostered on please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

### ROOM FOR RENT

Marsden Place, Huntfield Heights

Full use of kitchen and 3 bedroom house, backyard, evaporative cooling and gas heating, share bathroom.  
2 family dogs live on premises.

Rent \$200/week, excluding bills

**If interested contact the Parish Office.**

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	6 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	7 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	8 Mar	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	9 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Meeting—10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	10 Mar	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's Youth Group—7.00pm Stations of the Cross—7.00pm—St Luke's
Sat	11 Mar	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	12 Mar	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Spanish Mass 11am—St Luke's

### SCC(SEM) COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 28 March 12.15pm for 12.30 start.

Menu: Slow cooked beef or crispy skin salmon, roast potatoes, veggies. Choice of dessert, bread & butter, tea & coffee.

Cost: \$15 pp payment at time of Booking at SCC Cafe  
Tuesday - Friday or following SCC Sunday Mass.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16 April. Our celebration will be held at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, with several priests available. This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

There will be no 5-30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

*Sunday 30 April 2000, Pope John Paul II announced, "First Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole world"*

### MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES ... AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

**Ring: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.**

Web: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



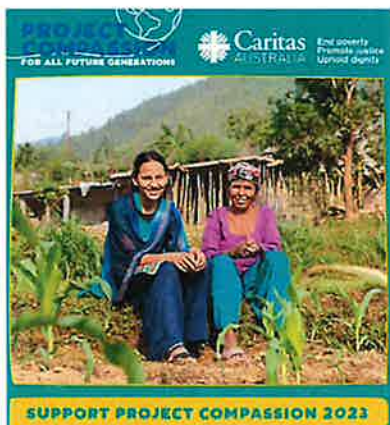
**COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 02/03/23)



- 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?**

- This event is known as ‘the transfiguration’.
- Moses was a great figure who represented the law for Israel. Elijah represented the prophets. Readings from the law and the prophets made up the Scriptures of Israel. Here Matthew shows Jesus in conversation with them; thus Jesus is in harmony with everything revealed in Judaism.
- The voice from heaven here echoes the words that were used at the baptism of Jesus.
- Traditionally, this scene of the transfiguration is associated with Mount Tabor, which rises out of the Plain of Esdraelon.



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When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’



**DIVINE DESIGN**  
(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras, and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth’s delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

**PREPARE FOR THE LIGHT OF LOVE**

Most people can pinpoint the moment when the attraction they felt for someone turned to love. It usually has to do with seeing the person in a new light. As one man described it, “One night I watched as a woman who had been my good friend for

many years gently stroked her dying mother’s forehead. I was struck by the sheer tenderness and beauty of the act. I knew then that my feelings for this woman were forever changed”.

Whether it is a simple act of kindness or a bold or courageous gesture, something happens that brings the person’s true character into relief, and the enlightenment leads to love.

Jesus’ Transfiguration is one of those moments of light – a luminous mystery – as Pope John Paul II termed it, in which Jesus is glorified – transfigured – before the eyes of his chosen disciples. They see with utter clarity who Jesus truly is: The son of the living God, and they are filled with awe and a new level of love. Their lives are changed forever.

We cannot command enlightenment any more than we can force ourselves to fall in love. But we can be attentive as we walk with others. The more we notice the small details about our neighbours and God, the more likely we’ll be awake when the big reveal takes place and we can see these people for who they truly are: Beings worthy of our unconditional love.

*GPBS eNews*



**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**  
(09 - 15 March)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

**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.