



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THIRD 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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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

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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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at

peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL - John 4:5-42 (abridged)

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

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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

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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

Acting Principal - Ms Megan Lovering

Cardijn College 8392 9500

Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

Heads of Campus:

Marian—Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcillin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

18 March

Cleaning: Lyn Finkers

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

Finances 4/5 March:

1st Collection \$854

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$463 (35 envelopes)

Open Plate \$511

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 Mar Spiritual Healing Retreat

Mar/Apr Mary MacKillop Precinct

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

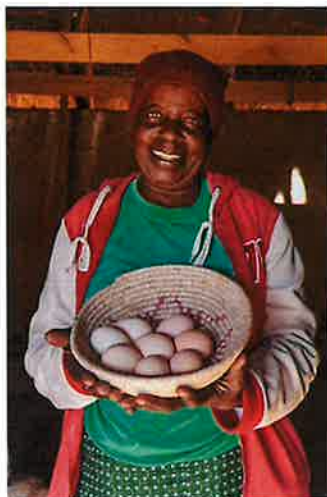
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21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



**Third Sunday of Lent
11/12 March**



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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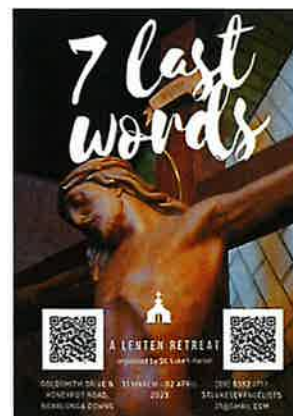
Lenten Retreat at St Luke's

31 March—2 April

Cost: \$20 per person

See poster on Noticeboard

**Please QR to register or sign your name on
the form on the Information Desk.**



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, 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 18/19 March

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	A Fernandes	Erica Badics	Yvonne Bennett
P2	Christine Jones	Salvador Vega	Paul Knobloch
W	Brenda Byrne	Soraya Ramirez	Gabrielle Byrne
Music	Sandiwa		Thomas

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.

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.

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.



WHAT'S ON

Mon	13 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	14 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	15 Mar	Mass at All Saints/SCC—*cancelled* Craft Group 10.00am Mass at St John's—12.15pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	16 Mar	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Meeting—10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	17 Mar	Feast of St Patrick Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's Stations of the Cross—7.00pm—St Luke's
Sat	18 Mar	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	19 Mar	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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



Dinner will be served after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 19 March. \$5 per person.

Congratulations to anyone celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary during March.



****Wednesday Mass at SCC/SEM cancelled 15 & 22 March.****

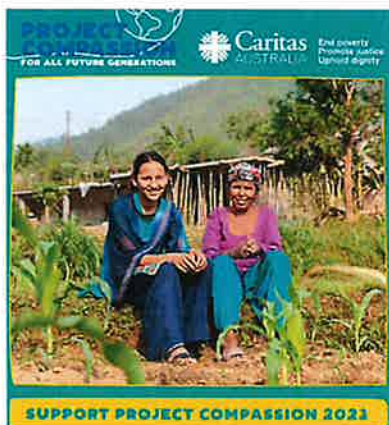
**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 09/03/23)



- 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?

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.



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The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to

believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

THIS WELL IS DEEP

(John 4: 5 - 42)

Still waters run deep! The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now that's deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 March)

- **Monday, 13:** Mon, 3rd week Lent (2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Tues, 3rd week Lent (Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wed, 3rd week Lent (Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thu, 3rd week Lent (Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23)
- **Friday, 17:** St Patrick - (Jer 1:4-9; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Saturday, 18:** Sat, 3rd week Lent (Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14)
- **Sunday 19:** FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41)

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.