



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**FOURTH 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)*

Email: [nswcp@tpg.com.au](mailto:nswcp@tpg.com.au)

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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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[jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))

#### **• ASSISTANT PRIEST**

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
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#### **• 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



## EYES TO SEE

### **FIRST READING**

**1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 22**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### **GOSPEL Shorter form John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

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**Baptism of Infants:** 8382 1717

**Children's Faith Formation**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am and  
Wednesday 7pm-7.20pm or by  
appointment

**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

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

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**

**25 March**

Cleaning: Sally Standfield

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

**Finances 11/12 March:**

1st Collection \$902

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$442 (31 envelopes)

Open Plate \$955

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

### Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



### Fourth Sunday of Lent 18/19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

**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.

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**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"*



**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, Cate Lavelle, Mandy Ganzevoort



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

*We keep in mind and our prayers those who have died and those who grieve.*

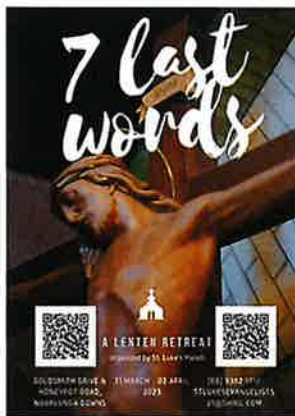
(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

**Rosters for weekend 25/26 March**

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Mary Kralj	Barney Manning	Thomas Harry
P2	Denis Jones	Anton Gwiazda	Michael Pols
W	Christine Challis	Mathew Vaghese	Rhea Thomas
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.



**7 LAST WORDS**

**Lenten Retreat at St Luke's**

Friday 31 March 7.00pm—9.30pm

Saturday 1 April 9.30am—9.30pm

Sunday 2 April 10.00am—5.15pm

Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS

Cost \$20 covers Saturday & Sunday lunch, morning & afternoon tea, Saturday dinner.

Please complete the registration form on the Information Desk.

Further details please contact Charl 0452 263 012.

All ages welcome.

**WHAT'S ON**

- Mon 20 Mar Feast of St Joseph  
Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
- Tues 21 Mar Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
- Wed 22 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 23 Mar Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Prayer Meeting—10.00am  
Benediction at 12.30pm  
Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
- Fri 24 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 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord  
Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 26 Mar Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm – St Luke's  
Mass at 10.45am—SCC

**SCC(SEM) COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Tuesday 28 March 12.15pm for 12.30 start.

Menu: Slow cooked beef or crispy skin salmon, roast potatoes, vegies. 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.

**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)**

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

**THIRD RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 28 March—7.30pm

At St Luke's—several priests available.

**EASTER SERVICES—copies on Information Desk.**

**COMPLIANCE WITH  
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 16/03/23)



- 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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent presents the images of darkness to light, blindness to sight. The Lenten season is a time for us to examine and reflect on our lives. We are called to move from the darkness of our life to the light of faith. We are called to see a new vision that comes from being called to be a disciple of Jesus.

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**GO FROM HERE**

Go from here as those who have seen and wish to share Christ's wonderful light:

- the light of peace for the troubled
- the light of hope for the lost
- the light of healing for the suffering
- the light of justice for the overlooked
- the light of action for the apathetic
- the light of patience for the hasty
- the light of faith for the searching
- the light of presence for the dying
- the light of comfort for the bereaved

We will share the light - Christ's wonderful light.

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His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

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**BEGINNER'S MIND**

I was at a friend's house, and his young son was doing a school project on a topic I happen to know something about. I offered my assistance, and at first the son seemed to welcome any help he could get. But every time I tried to tell him

something new he interrupted by saying, "I know, I know". He said it even when it was clear he didn't know quite as much as he thought he did.

Jesus ran into the same attitude with the Pharisees, who were quite upset when Jesus gave a blind man sight. This miracle didn't jibe with what they already "knew" about how God works in the world. And so, rather than learning something new about God - that God longs for our healing and wholeness - they closed their minds and, in effect, kept saying, "I know, I know!" They were sure the man's blindness had been caused by sin, yet they were unwilling to consider that their own spiritual blindness might be a result of their own sin of pride.

Spiritual growth requires that we employ what gurus call "beginner's mind". This is the attitude that is aware of its limitations and open to new truths and surprises. Lent is a good time to cultivate beginner's mind. It's a time to see ourselves and the world not with our own prejudices but as God sees - as worthy of help and healing and love.

*GPBS eNews*

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

*(20 - 26 March)*

- **Monday, 20:** St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thu, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47)
- **Friday, 24:** Fr, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent (Wis 2:1, 2-2; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
- **Saturday, 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord ( Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52)
- **Sunday 26:** FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33)

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**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.