



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YEAR A

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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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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(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



GOSPEL

(Read at the procession before Mass)

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass, and
on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is

this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the

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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

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Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:

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All Saints 83270020

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Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

Heads of Campus:

Marian—Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

8 April

Cleaning: Leona Tane

Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

Finances 25/26 March:

1st Collection \$959

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$398 (28 envelopes)

Open Plate \$734

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:

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

22 Apr Spiritual Healing Retreat

20 May Youth Retreat

Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

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



**Sixth Sunday of Lent
(Palm Sunday)
1/2 April**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

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"

Brochures on Mercy Sunday are available on the Information Desk.

RCIA

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



Congratulations to anyone celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary during April.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
CANCELLED ON HOLY THURSDAY.**

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, Harry Borg



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 8/9 APRIL

The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

During the Sacred Triduum of Easter, people will be contacted to do various readings.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10.00am at St Luke's
Movie—Passion of the Christ—7.00pm at St Luke's

Holy Saturday

Supper following the Easter Vigil at St Luke's
Please bring a plate to share

- Easter service times are available on the Information Desk. Please take a few copies for those you may visit and pop in your neighbour's letterbox. Times are also available on the noticeboard and on our website.
- There will not be 9am Mass or Adoration on Holy Thursday.
- The Church will be open until 10.30pm on Holy Thursday night.
- There will not be Sunday night Mass on Easter Sunday.

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Joseph Abutu. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,340 AUD. Reserve your seats with \$1000, and by sending a copy of passport. The fare includes Economy Return Airfares on premium Airlines + Stay in 4 star hotels+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 30 April 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us

info@magiholidays.com.au

Further information on the Church noticeboard.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	3 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	4 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	5 Apr	Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass at St John's—12 noon Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	6 Apr	Mass of Lord's Supper 7.30pm—St Luke's
Fri	7 Apr	Stations of the Cross—9.00am—Seaford Stations of the Cross—10.00am—St Luke's Commemoration of the Lord's Passion— 3.00pm—St Luke's Movie Passion of the Christ 7pm—St Luke's
Sat	8 Apr	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Vigil Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Sun	9 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Filipino Mass at 2.00pm—St Luke's Mass at 5.30pm **Cancelled**

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY
7 APRIL 2023**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. This year the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

YOUTH RETREAT

WHO AM I IN CHRIST?

Guest Speaker Sian Paul

Saturday 20 May

10.30am—3.00pm

8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich

**Praise and Worship—Teaching—Activities—
Reflection—Mass—Adoration**

Tea and coffee provided

Contact: 0450651900

All ages welcomed.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 01/04/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- 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?

- The name Barabbas literally means son (bar) of the father (abba). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the Passion of Jesus – the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

GOD'S WORD

Watching the same show over and over can get boring. Some people feel that way about the Mass. They follow the same routine: standing, kneeling, readings, singing, receiving Communion and then going home. Maybe they've forgotten that Mass isn't something we just watch. Jesus is really with us at Mass. When we hear God's Word, Jesus is there. When the priest says the blessing and raises the host, Jesus is there. Today at Mass, you'll hear about Jesus' suffering and death. What might Jesus be saying to you about your life? How will you respond?

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heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

(Heavily abridged)

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ... Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...



I WANT TO BE LIKE CHRIST

To me, the whole point of being a Christian is so that I will never have to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers. If I am true to my faith, then such depravity and inhumanity will be impossible for me. If I follow Jesus' way of love, then I will never be in Pilate's camp, washing my hands of one I know to be innocent. Caiphas and the high priests, with their cowardice and power-mongering, will not be part of my coterie, either. No good people will get sold down the river by me – if I choose to follow Christ.

That's a big if, or course. I fear that without vigilance, I could become one of these dealers in death. We may all be capable of such extreme acts of sin – think of torturers in prisons since the beginning of time. If we constantly and consistently choose to deny God's loving presence in our lives, we will become our own worst enemies.

So I am committed to keeping God before me and taking up my cross each day. It's true that by following Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow my pride, go against the status quo, fight social injustice, show extreme mercy, and, all in all, do things that do not come easy to me. But, the good news is: I will save my soul in the process. Better that than losing my soul, which, as Jesus showed is, is a fate worse than death – even death on a cross. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 April)

- **Monday, 03:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 06:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 07:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 08:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 09:** SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

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.