



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 EASTER - 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)

Email: 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)

• ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
(8382 1717)

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• PARISH MANAGER/ NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
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(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

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

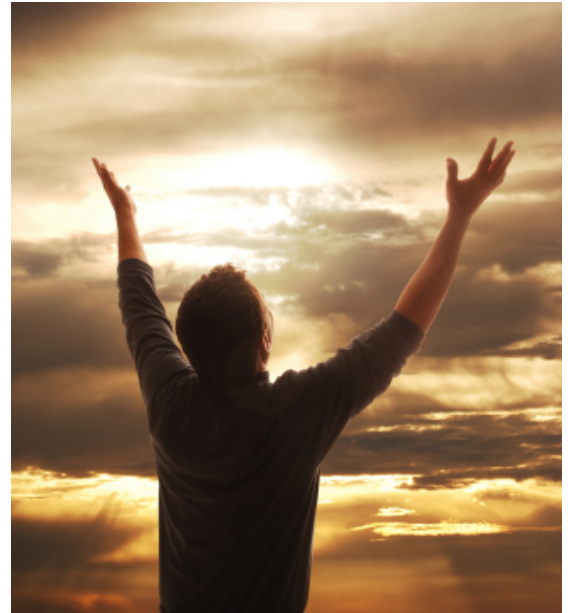
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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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

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 17/18 April

Cleaning: Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Liz Smith

Finances 3/4 April

1st Collection \$754

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$521 (36 envelopes)

Open Plate \$962

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:

Apr 15 Charismatic Mass



Dinner will be available
after the 5.30pm Mass
next Sunday, 18 April.

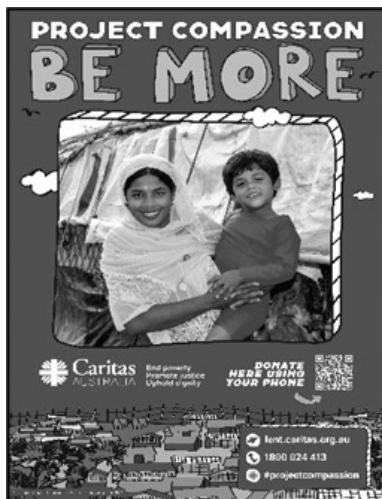
IMPORTANT NEW SA GOVERNMENT COVID RULES TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED FROM 31 MARCH 2021

All people 12 years and above attending weekend Church services
are required to wear a face mask.

You must record your name and phone number in the book
provided in the foyer OR use the QR code.



THANK YOU



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

11 April—Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday was named by Pope St John Paul II at the canonisation of St Faustina on April 30, 2000. In a series of revelations in the 1930's, God called Sr Faustina Maria Kowalska of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland to tell the world of God's tender mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday further highlights the merciful love of God that is always present and available to us. We celebrate together the paschal mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter, and in Mass each Sunday throughout the year.

*Essentially, God's mercy... reveals precisely this truth:
good triumphs over evil, life is stronger than death
and God's love is more powerful than sin.*

Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995.

Thank You

to all who participated in our Easter services.

Our Church Community is greatly blest. "He is Truly Risen -Alleluia".

Margaret Burns, Chair, St Luke's Liturgy Team

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM**

Pray for the healing of: Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Anthony Cawley, Anton Sylvester, Catherine Kelley, Cherie Morrison, Anne Flint, Miho Forbes, Pauline Wheeldon, Heather D'Cruz



Deceased: Gilbert Bellwood

Anniversaries: Hanna Saada, Naqiya Joher, Najeeb Baho, Saïdy Aziz

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 17/18 April

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Christine Jones	Beverley Ellis
Proclaimer 2	Denis Jones	Angeline D'Cruz
Welcomer	Christine Challis	Gabby Connelly
Music Roster:	Grace	Praise

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Mary of Galilee Church, corner of Quinliven and How Roads, Aldinga on Sunday 11 April from 2pm with Benediction, Holy Mass 3pm and solemn blessing of the image of Divine Mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 2pm.
All welcome.

*** **WARNING** ***

HOAX EMAILS

Some parishioners have received hoax emails that appear to come from Fr Josy asking for them to contact him asap.

These emails look genuine. They appear to come from "Fr Josy Sebastian <churchpastor88@gmail.com>" and the subject is something like "Peace to You" and then your name.

The email may read: "Good morning, how are you doing? I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.

God bless, Fr Josy Parish Priest."

If you answer this email, you will be asked to send money to a suggested worthy cause.

Please be aware that Fr Josy does not own this email address and has never sent such an email. If you happen to get one, trash it as soon as possible. If you are unsure please contact Fr Josy directly.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Apr 12	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Apr 13	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Apr 14	Mass SCC —9.15am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Apr 15	Mass & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9am Benediction St Luke's—12.30pm
Fri	Apr 16	Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am
Sat	Apr 17	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Apr 18	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATECHUMENS



Six catechumens were initiated into the Catholic faith when they received their Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil celebrations held at St Luke's Church on 3 April, 2021.

We wish them God's blessings as they have come to faith in the risen Lord.

HOME VISITS

Do you know of someone in the Parish who is housebound or sick who would appreciate a visit by a priest? If so could you please give their details to the Parish Office on 8382 1717 so a visit can be arranged.

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO BE A VOLUNTEER AT ST LUKE'S?

Some areas needed are:

Gardening

Readers at 5.30pm Mass on Sunday

Projectionist (training provided)

COVID Marshal

Please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 if you are able to help.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating will be handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- 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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When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter- Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

When Thomas is told by his

companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 April)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Sunday 18:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

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).