



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (of Divine Mercy Sunday) - 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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• 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

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can

never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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

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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 ap-
pointment

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

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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

22 April

Cleaning: Sally Standfield

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances 8/9 April:

1st Collection \$1629

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$334 (20 envelopes)

Open Plate \$1191

Thank you for your ongoing support and
commitment to the community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday 17 April and will reopen again
on Tuesday 2 May.

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

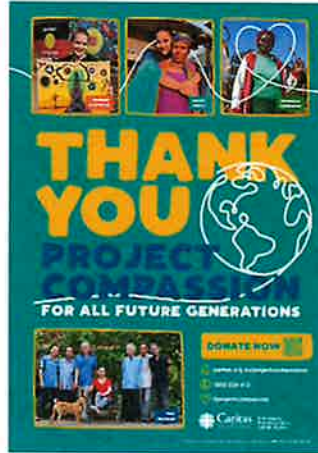
27 Apr Spiritual Healing Retreat

20 May Youth Retreat

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THIS NEWSLETTER.**



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**Thank you to all, who in any way, helped to enrich
our Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations.**

God bless you all

Father Josy is inviting children of the parish
who would like to be

Baptised

the opportunity to be baptised

on Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY MAY 28 9AM

ST LUKE'S



Please contact Gabrielle at the church office
if you would like to take up this opportunity

**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, Harry Borg, Norleen Zarah, Connie Anderson



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Ramon Sellanes

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 22/23 April

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Mary Kralj	Barney Manning	Yvonne Bennett
P2	Christine Jones	Soraya Ramirez	Michael Pols
W	Denis Jones	Espi Tilbrook	Gabrielle Byrne
Music	Sandiwa	Folk Group	

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

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.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	17 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	18 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	19 Apr	Mass at SCC—9.15am Reconciliation—7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	20 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	21 Apr	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	22 Apr	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	23 Apr	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Mass at 5.30pm - St Luke's

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) processing up King William St to Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the *Feast of the Visitation* in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Please take a copy of The Southern Cross home to read—this edition is free.

PILGRIMAGE OF THANKSGIVING

The Knights of the Southern Cross in South Australia are completing their centenary celebrations with a Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving of the MacKillop Cross.

It is their intention to display the cross at St Luke's on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY-COMMUNION

For those current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who wish to continue and for those who wish to become a Minister, would you please contact the Parish Office and leave your name and contact details before the Wednesday 26 April..

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/04/23)



- 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.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

BELIEVING IS SEEING

No one saw much potential in Billy. It's not that the staff at the orphanage thought badly about him; they just didn't think much about him at all. He seemed to feel comfortable floating beneath everyone's notice - not getting in trouble but not getting much attention either.

That continued until he moved into Sr Gertrude's room. Sr Gertrude was a no-nonsense nun, a woman who expected the same from everyone in her care - a lot! So, Billy couldn't hide anymore in a muddle of mediocrity. She started checking his homework every night. And correcting his manners. And having him report daily on his school projects and requiring that he try out for a sports team. Everyone thought she was wasting her time, but Sr Gertrude wasn't one to waste time - or lives.

Billy didn't become a famous millionaire or best-selling author or a well-known anything. But he did finish university, meet a nice girl, fall in love, marry, and raise a family. And maybe he would have done all that anyway, but in his own mind and heart, he regularly thanks Sr Gertrude for believing without seeing, that is, believing in him even before anyone could see the potential.

Family life often calls us to believe even before we can see - from the first time we hold our children on through the terrible twos, the turbulent teens, and beyond. Sometimes believing leads to seeing.

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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. 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.

THE IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE (John 20: 19 - 31)

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the

world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

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FEARS AND DOUBTS

When doubting Thomas touched Jesus, he swiftly became aware of Jesus' identity and the reality of his Resurrection. Jesus loved Thomas, despite Thomas' pressing doubt, but praised those who believe without seeing him. Jesus is referring to us, the people of the Church who would never see or touch his wounds, but would believe in his life, death, and Resurrection. Doubt is part of a living faith. Sometimes we have to pray through them until Jesus offers us his peace. Do you know anyone who might be experiencing it right now? Keep praying for the peace of Christ, and seek and offer support.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 April)

- **Monday, 17:** Monday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Wednesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday 2nd week Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 23:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

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.