



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)

FIFTH 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)*

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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Fr Prathap Katta
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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 – SEM
(Catholic Community Coordinator
- 0400 035 462)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.*

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you, says
the Lord; my branches bear much
fruit. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

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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 8/9 May

Cleaning: Lyn Finkers

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances 24/25 April

1st Collection \$682

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$473 (34 envelopes)

Open Plate \$555

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:

20 May Charismatic Mass

22 May 2021 Pentecost Vigil for Youth

**Project Compassion receipts
are now available from the
Information Desk.**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SA GOVERNMENT COVID RULES PLEASE NOTE:

**Due to numbers attending Masses at St Luke's (less than 75% capacity)
masks are not required, but social distancing is recommended.**

****However if members of the congregation would like to sing it is a
requirement that they wear a mask.****

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

More details are on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

1 May—Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Have you ever imagined St Joseph as a migrant worker? Would he have taken with him as many tools of trade as he could carry when he fled with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt? What would it have been like for him trying to find work in a foreign land to support his family? Would anyone help them, or would these 'outsiders' be exploited or left to fend for themselves?

During the COVID-19 pandemic temporary seasonal workers have had a very difficult time. Many came to Australia for jobs that disappeared because of the pandemic. None the less, these workers found themselves ineligible for the Jobseeker allowance. Many could not go home. They became stranded in Australia because of closed borders. Without work or access to government support, they were forced to rely on charities.

Sadly, the exploitation of migrant workers is not something that only happens in other countries.

Can we see in the faces of temporary seasonal workers the face of St Joseph, seeking work in a foreign land, trying to support his family? Can we see migrant workers as our sisters and brothers in need of our care? Can we welcome them into our homes, communities and churches and defend their dignity and rights?

COMMUNITY DAY, SUNDAY 16 MAY

You are invited to a reflection day, focussing on the significance of *silence in relationships*. So often we meet someone, ask how are you? and then go on our way. What if we listen further? What about our relationship with God?

Silence, is God's universal language; the language of Love.

We begin the day with the 8.30 mass at Willunga and in the Hall afterwards.

Bring something to share for lunch. We finish at 3.30pm. all are welcome.

For further information contact Fr Tom Gleeson 0438153489.

COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be conducting a count of attendance (divided into age groups and gender) at all Masses on the first 4 weekends in May.

Covid Marshals will be at the Church entrance to record numbers.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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

Pray for the healing of: William Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Anthony Cawley, Anton Sylvester, Catherine Kelley, Cherie Morrison, Anne Flint, Miho Forbes, Pauline Wheeldon, Heather D'Cruz, Jack Vaughan, Victor Perera, Gentile Monardo



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Nathaniel McPhail,

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 May

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Denis Jones	Angeline D'Cruz
Proclaimer 2	Brenda Byrne	Beverley Ellis
Welcomer	Christine Jones	John Van Der Linden
Music Roster:	Selah	Folk Group



We congratulate the children who celebrated their First Communion last weekend.

ROSARY GROUP

A second Rosary group is beginning in May, on Thursday evenings, at 7.00pm in St Luke's Church. The first evening will be held on Thursday 6 May. All welcome.

LADIES MORNING TEA



St Luke's Meeting Room
Friday 14 May at 10.30am
(following 10.00am Mass)
All welcome

WHAT'S ON

Mon	May 3	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	May 4	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	May 5	Mass All Saints —9.15am Craft Group St Luke's—10am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	May 6	Mass & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9am Prayer Meeting St Luke's—10am Mass St John's—10am Benediction St Luke's—12.30pm Rosary St Luke's—7pm,
Fri	May 7	Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am
Sat	May 7	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	May 9	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS BOX



There is a questions, suggestions and comments box available in the church foyer in which you can place your written thoughts and ideas about any matter within the parish.

Whilst you may do this anonymously, it is preferable that you include your name should there need to be clarification, discussion or a response given and we will deal with it in the best way that we can.

SCC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CAR BOOT SALE. Saturday May 8, 10.00am to 2.00pm. SCC Car Park. Stall \$10.00, Table \$5.00. Sausage Sizzle & Devonshire Tea. **Bookings Essential.** Phone 0434 824 655

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SCC ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Friday, 21 May, 10.00am. Followed by morning tea and chat. SCC Town Square Café.

SCC BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Wednesday 26 May. Bookings essential.
Phone Frank 0405 741 732

SCC SEAHAWKS ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP

Friday nights during school term Weeks 1-8 , 6.30 - 8.00pm, for young people aged 6-16. For further information contact Daryl 0417 506 390.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April/May 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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Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS

“He must increase; I must decrease”. John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship to Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead, John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John’s mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn’t lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It’s folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in service to the vine, it bears much fruit. *GPBS eNews*

KEEP OUR REACTIONS UNDER CONTROL

Ben was conscientious on the freeway, staying alert, checking his mirrors, and signalling his lane changes. It was the other drivers who were idiots. Their aggression and thoughtlessness

angered him to the end. He was not a man given to vulgarity, but when another driver did something stupid, he’d erupt in swearing and rude gestures. He’d slip into punishment mode and manoeuvre to counter the antics of the morons and even cut them off.

Then one day he found himself so infuriated by what some other driver did that he reached into the bag of groceries on the passenger seat and flung a can of tuna at the offending motorist. He missed but was shaken by his outburst. Later, after telling his wife what happened, she offered this suggestion: “It says in the Bible, ‘Bless those who persecute you’. Maybe you should try it on the road”.

The next day, Ben began his therapy. “God bless that idiot!” he shouted when a guy in a removalist truck swerved in front of him. “O Lord,” he whispered when a speeder approached on the right, “bring peace to that poor man”. And for the driver doing 40 in the fast lane he pleaded, “God, may they be protected from all harm”.

Soon he noticed a big difference. He was more at peace behind the wheel and his reactions more under control. Ben had learned about abiding in the vine and producing fruit. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(03 - 09 May)

- **Monday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 06:** Thursday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)
- **Friday, 07:** Friday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 08:** Saturday of the 5th week of Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 09:** SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17)

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).