



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 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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Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
10.00am - 3.00pm

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;  
in an emergency 0452 524 169;  
[jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))

### • ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
(8382 1717; 0421 074 212  
[okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))

### • 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

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

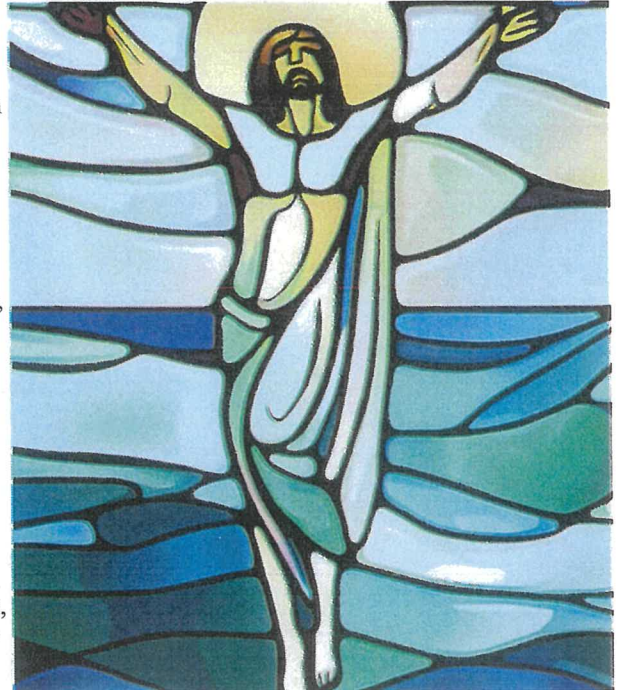
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 46:2-3, 6-9*

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*



## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 28:19, 20*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!*

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# SOLEMNITIES

in MAY

## Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, 12 May

## Pentecost - Sunday, 19 May

## Our Lady, Help of Christians

(Co-patron of Australia)

Friday, 24 May

## Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, 26 May

## Roster for weekend 18/19 May

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 9:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
<b>P</b>	Fr Dominick	Fr Josy	Fr Josy	Fr Dominick
<b>P1</b>	Denis Jones	Jordan Faulkner	Yvonne Bennett	Kris Lazelle
<b>P2</b>	Christine Jones	Michael Pols	Wade Champion	Kate Berniz
<b>W</b>	Paul Rijken	Erika Badics	Gabrielle Byrne	Jim Fenoughty
<b>HC</b>	Kevin Barry	Angeline D'Cruz	Sheralee van Heerde	Mary Fenoughty
	Anton Crane	David Crane	Dave van Heerde	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>				Dolores McCluskey
<b>Music</b>	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am	5:30pm	

*To all the Mothers, Grandmothers,  
Aunts, Sisters and other women in our lives,  
who care for us and love us unconditionally.  
Thank you for all that you do and for all that you are to us:*



## Regional Assembly Follow Up with the PPC

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to come and attend a follow-up meeting to the Regional Assembly held on March 4 to discuss the next steps for our Parish. All are welcome.

**Day, Date & Time:** Tuesday, 21 May at 7:00pm

**Venue:** in the community room at St Luke's Church

## Would you like to be of service?

Are you new to our parish or if you are a regular parishioner who would like to help, there are a couple of areas of service that need helpers:

### 1. Altar Linen

A small job that may take 30 minutes of your time each week for the month you are rostered. Just collecting the small items used on the altar at Mass, washing (in your washing machine is fine) and ironing them and returning them.

### 2. Food for Funerals

You could help by either baking, setting up and cleaning up if light refreshments are required after a funeral.

Your involvement in these areas would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to help, please contact Julia Macey on 8384 4036 or Toni at the Parish Office.

## Noarlunga Seaford Parish Directory

The PPC is interested in creating a database of parishioners recommended trades and businesses. The Parish would establish a Services Release each season with our first publication as **WINTER Services** on 1 June 2024. The PPC will vet recommended businesses and rely on parishioners to provide accurate information.

The Parish cannot assume responsibility for services which do not meet the expectations of those who access these from the database. If you are interested in providing a recommendation for services (electrical, plumbing, landscaping, maintenance, small household jobs. Gardening, building and construction, ironing, cleaning and many more) or you are retired and wish to offer a service, please forward your name and details to [nscp.trades@gmail.com](mailto:nscp.trades@gmail.com).

## Church Cleaning

For weekend 18/19 May

Cleaning: Thomas Family

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

## Finances : May

For weekend 4/5 May

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$689.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$327.00 (23 envelopes)

Open Plate \$773.00

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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

10.00am—2.30pm

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

## Noticeboard:

2024 Upcoming Courses

2024 Charis SA Services



**Pray for the healing of:** Anthony Shaw, Greg Cahill, Maresa Sylvester, Jade Robusti, Mary and Tom Worden, Paul Badics, Connie Anderson, Neville and Heather D'Cruz, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Terry Cahalan, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard, Astrid Houareau



**Deceased:** Paul Anthony Shaw

**Anniversaries:** Jennifer Macey, Dean Rice, Shane Zilm, Kerry Smith

(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one



**Marian Procession**  
SUNDAY, 19 MAY

### Marian Procession

The 75<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held on Sunday, 19 May beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square.

*\*\*The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game.*

The Procession will commence at 2:00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from

1:30pm. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

### COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

During May, the Archdiocese of Adelaide will be conducting a count of attendance (divided into age groups and gender) at all Masses commencing on the weekend of 4/5 May. Forms will be at the Church entrance to record numbers.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation

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

**Baptised**

the opportunity to be baptised on Pentecost Sunday  
SUNDAY, 19 MAY at 9AM  
at ST LUKE'S



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

### CHILD PROTECTION



Governments should take steps to stop children being taken out of their own country illegally.

**CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM AND 5:30PM.**

**NEXT MASS WILL BE ON 2 JUNE.**

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	13 May	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues	14 May	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Wed	15 May	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Craft Group at 10:00am Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs	16 May	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Meeting at 10:00am Rosary at 6:45pm RCIA at 7:00pm SCC Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Fri	17 May	Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass at 10:00am - St Luke's
Sat	18 May	Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun	19 May	Pentecost Sunday Year B Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

### SCC NEWS

#### ♦ Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea - \$15.00/pp

When: Thursday, 16 May at 11:00am

Where: SCC Town Square Café

Ticket Sales: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

This year, tickets for the SCC Cancer raffle will be sold only at the Biggest Morning Tea. If you are unable to attend and wish to contribute, a donation box will be available in Inparilla at each Sunday Mass.

#### ♦ Volunteers needed for SCC - contact 8392 4520

- Tuesday Night Dinners: serve and clear
- Gardening team

### ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Date & Time:** Friday, 30 August from 6:45am

**Where:** Serafino Winery, McLaren Vale

**Guest Speaker:** Georgie Thomas, founder of "Mustard Seed Family Project"

For further details: Kevin Barry 8382 3773

[kevinjbarry@professionals.com.au](mailto:kevinjbarry@professionals.com.au)



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- theirs...and yours



Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' Discovery information session at North Adelaide on 24 May. Meet Anna, Julie and other Palms participants to discover more about Assignments Aboard.

**Venue:** North Adelaide Community Centre

**Address:** 176 Tynte Street, North Adelaide

**Date:** Friday 24th May 2024

**Time:** 5:00pm to 6:00pm

**Contact:** 0422 472 567 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

**Please ring the priests after 9:00pm ONLY in an emergency. Otherwise, ring or text them during office hours or in the daytime.**



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Toni Fishlock (0417 801 241)

**BAPTISM of INFANTS**

Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of  
RECONCILIATION**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am  
or by appointment

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR**

Gabrielle Byrne  
Phone: 0422 804 579  
Email: [gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com)

**CHILD PROTECTION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation  
which is committed to the care, well-  
being and protection of children and  
young people.

Contact - Gabrielle Byrne  
Phone: 0422 804 579  
Email: [gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com)

Child Protection Unit: 8210 8159

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chairperson - Paul Rijken

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP**

Chairperson - Margaret Burns

**PARISH SCHOOLS and  
COLLEGES**

- St John the Apostle (8382 2064)  
Principal - Leanne Johansen
- All Saints (8327 0020)  
Principal - Nick Wright
- Cardijn College (8392 9500)  
Principal - Steve Byrne  
Heads of Campus  
Marian - Wade Champion  
Galilee - Kerri Gould (8557 9000)  
Marcellin - Gianni Petrucci

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Mark uses the dramatic figures of  
speech about serpents and poisons to  
illustrate that those who believe in the  
good news and preach it, can  
overcome all that threatens or destroys  
life.

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**GOSPEL**

**Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven,  
and said to them: 'Go out to the whole  
world; proclaim the Good News to all  
creation. He who believes and is  
baptised will be saved; he who does  
not believe will be condemned. These  
are the signs that will be associated  
with believers: in my name they will  
cast out devils; they will have the gift  
of tongues; they will pick up snakes in  
their hands, and be unharmed should  
they drink deadly poison; they will lay  
their hands on the sick, who will  
recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had  
spoken to them, was taken up into  
heaven: there at the right hand of God  
he took his place, while they, going  
out, preached everywhere, the Lord  
working with them and confirming the  
word by the signs that accompanied it.

**UP, UP, AND AWAY**

One of the very first homilies that I  
was supposed to preach as a newly  
ordained priest was the Solemnity of  
the Ascension. I was to preach at the  
children's liturgy. I stopped at the local  
shopping centre and picked up a dozen  
helium balloons to use as visual aids  
with the children in my homily. While  
driving to the church, the balloons  
somehow broke loose from one  
another in the back seat of my car. In  
my attempt to gather them all together  
as I drive into the car park of the  
church where all the children could  
see me as they waited in the steps, I  
ran my car into a metal post. The post  
stood firm. My car crashed to a stop.  
My nose was broken by the impact,  
my car inoperable, and my sermon  
went un-preached. I'm not sure what  
happened to the balloons.

There is a clear message in all of this  
besides the need to be a careful,  
undistracted driver. The message is  
quite simple. On our journey to  
heaven, there are going to be things  
that will surprise us, block our way,  
and might even stop us cold in our  
tracks. When that happens, broken and  
shaken up, we have to pick up the  
pieces and start all over again. We  
cannot give up.

So since that first Ascension "sermon"  
more than 30 years ago, I have bought  
balloons numerous times to use,

carefully brought them to church, and  
let them go as part of my sermon.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Jesus said to them, "Go into the world.  
Go everywhere and announce the  
message of God's good news to one  
and all. Whoever believes and is  
baptised is saved; whoever refuses to  
believe is damned."

"Time to go." We all know what that  
means. If you come from a family like  
mine, it means we're now entering  
into a period of goodbyes that make us  
loiter in the doorway for another half  
hour. Sooner or later, though, we're  
going to finish that final conversation,  
give that last hug, say the last I-love-  
you, and wish the travellers a safe  
journey home. And then they're gone.  
For a moment, there's an almost  
visible space in the room shaped just  
like Aunt Ida and the kids. That same  
shaped emptiness is curiously echoed  
in the heart. Even the silence sounds  
curiously like the folks who just left.

The disciples standing around after the  
Ascension must have experienced  
something like that. A Jesus-shaped  
space where he stood, a Jesus-  
sounding silence where he'd spoken.  
There was a space in their hearts, too,  
that would always long for him to fill  
it. And yet the same must have been  
true of them as it is for us when we  
take leave of loved ones. Their  
presence remains brilliantly in their  
absence. They're not here but are  
hardly gone for good. You can't kill  
love off that easily. Love never leaves  
the room. *GPBS eNews*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(13 - 20 May)

- **Monday, 13:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter  
(Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St Matthias (Acts 1:15-17,  
20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> week  
Easter (Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter  
(Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 17:** Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts  
25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 18:** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> week Easter  
(Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 19:** PENTECOST SUNDAY  
(Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27,  
16:12-15)

**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.