



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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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

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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 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.

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am
or by appointment

Pastoral Coordinator:

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Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:

Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:

Margaret Burns

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St John the Apostle 8382 2064

Principal - Ms Lee-Anne Johansen

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Principal - Mr Nick Wright

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Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

Heads of Campus:

Marian — Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni Petr

Church Cleaning

27 May

Cleaning: Paddy Lamb

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

Finances 13/14 May:

1st Collection \$724

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$382 (26 envelopes)

Open Plate \$861

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:

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

25 May Spiritual Healing Retreat

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

MONTH OF MARY—MAY DEVOTIONS



Every Saturday in May rosary will be recited at 5.30pm
conducted by one of the Parish Groups, followed by evening
Mass at 6.00pm

The Solemnity of

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

(Co-patron of Australia) will be celebrated on

Wednesday 24 May. **MASS AT 7.30PM**

Wednesday 31 May—The Feast of Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
will be at 7.30pm followed by a Marian procession and concluding with supper.
(Pizza/soft drink/coffee, tea and chocolates for children)

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**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, Gerry Rice, David Healey, Jo Eykelkamp



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 27/28 May

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Mary Kralj	Barney Manning	Yvonne Bennett
P2	Christine Jones	Justin Neugebauer	Michael Pols
P3	Brenda Byrne	Salvador Vega	
W	Dennis Jones	Paul Rijken	Rhea Thomas

Music: Childrens Choir Folk Group



FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



WHAT'S ON

Mon	22 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	23 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	24 May	Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group St Luke's—10.00am St Johns Mass—12noon Our Lady Help of Christians Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	25 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Meeting—10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	26 May	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	27 May	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Rosary 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	28 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Mass at 5.30pm—St Luke's

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS AVAILABLE FROM INFORMATION DESK

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There will be an information session for all parents of the children who will undertake the Sacramental Program in 2023.

This meeting will be held in St Luke's on Wednesday 7 June—6-7pm.

For further information please contact Gabrielle 0422 804 579



Cleaners are urgently needed at St Luke's for Church cleaning. If you are able to help please contact Parish Office on 8382 1717

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 6/7 May. Forms will be at the Church entrance to record numbers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/05/23)



- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Ascension of Jesus is described only in the Book of Acts (1:2-11), although there is a shorter version in Luke's Gospel. There are also allusions to the event elsewhere in the New Testament, eg Jn 6:62; Eph 4:8-10.
- In Matthew's Gospel, many of the important moments of Jesus' life are located on mountaintops – his temptation, his transfiguration, the great teaching of the 'sermon on the mount', and now this final instruction to his disciples. In this way, Matthew draws parallels with Moses the great leader and lawgiver who encountered God on the mountaintop.
- Matthew shows Jesus as fulfilling and extending the teaching of Moses. Whereas the Law had been for the people of Israel, Jesus sends his disciples to all nations; whereas the Jewish people had faith in the name of God, YHWH, Jesus sends his disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.
- The celebration of the Ascension as a particular feast day developed in the vicinity of Antioch around 380 AD.

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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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

DON'T JUST STAND THERE: DO SOMETHING

(Mark 16: 15 - 20)

The Ascension of Jesus is an event recorded three times in the New Testament: at the end of Luke, the beginning of Acts, and here, in what's called the longer ending of Mark. (Early manuscripts record several different endings to his gospel.) In each version of the Ascension story, Jesus has different final instructions for the disciples – the ones in "longer Mark" being the most colourful. But in every account we have, Jesus tells the disciples to go and be witnesses of the gospel they have received. On this point, all three speak in one voice. It would seem this mission is non-negotiable.

How we do that is up to us. If we want to knock on doors or preach in the park, suit yourself. If you feel drawn to foreign missions, the

prayer of the church will support you. Maybe the least missionized corner of the world is right where you are. Do you have good news to share?

When you show up, is it "good news" for those around you? How do you demonstrate the gift of faith that's been given to you?

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KIDS' CORNER

The disciples thought they had Jesus figured out, and sometimes we think that way too. We figure if we pray hard enough, God will do whatever we have in mind. But God often has something better in mind for us.

When his followers asked him if he would bring the kingdom back, Jesus told them about the better future in store: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1: 8).

What kind of future does God have in mind for you? Pray about it and let God lead you.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 May)

- **Monday, 22:** Monday 7th week Easter (Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Tuesday 7th week Easter (Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Thursday, 25:** Thursday 7th week Easter (Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)
- **Friday, 26:** St Philip Neri (Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19)
- **Saturday, 27:** Saturday 7th week Easter (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25)
- **Sunday 28:** PENTECOST SUNDAY (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

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.