



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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## NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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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

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Fr Dominick Okwadha  
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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 - 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

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 64:10-14*

*The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only

creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:1-23*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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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

**Parish Schools and Colleges:**

**St John the Apostle** 8382 2064

Principal - Ms Lee-Anne Johansen

**All Saints** 83270020

Principal - Mr Nick Wright

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500

Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

**Heads of Campus:**

Marian — Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni

**Church Cleaning**

**22 July**

Cleaning: Sally & Pat

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

**Finances : 8/9 July**

1st Collection \$ 531

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$ 297 (21 envelopes)

Open Plate \$ 394

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

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

### Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

As you may be aware, all volunteers in our Archdiocese are mandated notifiers under the South Australian Child Protection Legislation. To ensure we hear the voices of children and have the necessary skills to identify and respond appropriately, we invite any volunteers who have not yet participated in Child Safe Environments training or an equivalent course to attend a 90-minute Volunteer Briefing session facilitated by the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit.

**A Volunteer Briefing will be held in our Parish on:**

**Tuesday 25 July at 6.30pm**

*If you have attended a Child Safe Environments or RRHAN training within the past 3 years you do not need to attend a Volunteer Briefing.*

*Please note: the content of the session is not suitable for children and young people (under 18 years old) to attend so please make alternative care arrangements for your children before attending a Volunteer Briefing.*

Please contact the Child Protection Unit to book into this session, either via email at [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or by phone on 8210 8159

Thank you for your part in helping us to provide care and safety for our children and young people.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION IN ADELAIDE 4TH TO 6TH AUGUST, 2023

On 1st – 6th August 2023, the global commemoration of World Youth Day (WYD) will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. The Theme of WYD is “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39).

Here in Adelaide, the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is organising a local World Youth Day celebration.

WYD Adelaide 2023 comprises 3 events and will celebrate the voice, power and action of our young people as agents of change in our world today, and in the future. The target age range is 16 to 35, but all are welcome.

Saturday, 5th August 2023: World Youth Day Adelaide celebration from 1:30pm -9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.

Young people are invited to participate in workshops and engage in community conversations. This is followed by an evening of encounter through a special WYD liturgy, dinner and a concert with band Gus & Iggy, \$20 per ticket includes access to all workshops, food and drinks, liturgy and concert.

Sunday, 6th August 2023: World Youth Day celebrated at Masses in local Parishes and Communities across the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

An event for Senior Catholic Students only This event is being offered on Friday, 4th August 2023, involving tree planting at Victoria Park Wetlands, Adelaide to take ecology action and care for our common home

**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,  
Norleen Zarah, Shelley Heard, William  
Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Clare

*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 July**

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Christine Jones	Maria Nolan	Michael; Pols
P2	Denis Jones	Jordan Faulkner	Yvonne Bennett
W	Annabelle F	Danielle Greig	Thomas Harry
HC.	Kevin Barry Christine Challis	Angeline D'Cruz Danielle Greig	David van Heerde Maria Thomas
Children's Liturgy:	Tasha & Rhea		
Music: _Sandiwa	Folk Group		

**2023 ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**When:** Friday 15 September 2023

**Where:** Serafino's Conference Centre

**Guest Speaker:** "Focus on Family"

**Time:** 6.45am for a 7.00am start

This years supported Charity is  
St Vincent De Paul -Noarlunga

Early Bird Tickets are now open for the next  
4 weeks and Group Bookings will also attract  
discounted ticket pricing.

Come along for a morning of great fellowship, a  
great speaker, a great breakfast and support  
St Vinnies  
who do such fabulous work in our local community

Queries contact Kevin J Barry 08 83823773  
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**CHILD PROTECTION**

All organisations concerned with  
children should work towards  
what is best for each child

CHILDREN'S MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED ON FIRST SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH AT 9.00AM  
NEXT MASS WILL BE 6 AUGUST

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon	17 July	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	18 July	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	19 July	Mass at SCC—9.15am Mass 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	20 July	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	21 July	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	22 July	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	23 July	16th Sunday Mass at 9.00am – St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Mass at 5.30pm - St Luke's

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Come along and enjoy Roast Turkey  
with all the trimmings and choice of  
dessert



at SCC/ SEM Cafe

on Thursday July 27th at 1230pm.

Tickets \$15 pp available at SCC/SEM cafe

Tuesday-Friday or at 1045am Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE NOTE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FROM MONDAY 10/07 TO MONDAY 24/07**

**Emergency ring Fr Josy 0452 524 169**

**Toni 0417 801 241**

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS**

IF YOU EVER RECEIVE A TEXT FROM  
FR JOSY ASKING FOR MONEY PLEASE  
DELETE IMMEDIATELY  
IF FR JOSY REQUIRED MONEY OR HELP HE  
WOULD ASK YOU PERSONALLY

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE**

- Readers especially Saturday night
- Greeters
- Visiting the sick & nursing homes
- Cleaners & Vacuumers
- Sunday morning teas and monthly  
Sunday dinners

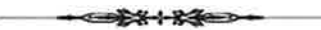
Please let the Parish Office know if you are inter-  
ested and would like to know more of what is in-  
volved. Phone 8382 1717

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/07/23)



- 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



### EXPLORING THE WORD

This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle undulating hills are green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The message is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum.
- Archeological excavations in Capernaum have revealed a house that was revered from very early times as "the house of Peter".

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Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



### PATIENT GARDENER

Jesus said, "What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it

withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams. Are you listening to this? Really listening?" (Matthew 13: 3 - 9)

I planted my first-ever garden. I have no idea what I'm doing. I searched online for "what plants grow like crazy". Bishop's weed. "Spreads quickly and difficult to eradicate," the description said. Sounds like good ground cover to me, and it's prettier than the name implies. I already have a rose of Sharon (of Song of Solomon fame) and a burning bush (which turns red in autumn), so I decided to stick with the religious theme and added a lily of the valley, also known as Mary's tears and a symbol of purity and humility. Finally, I planted two bleeding hearts to represent the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. With so many allusions of my faith already, I think a statue of Saint Francis of Assisi would be overkill!

All of the plants I chose are hardy, the kinds of plants Jesus was talking about in his parable about seeds that bear fruit. I relate more to the giant unruly lilac along my driveway. It has an invasive tree growing up in the middle that I can't get rid of no matter how much I hack at it, and it hasn't bloomed in two years because of unusually long, cold winters. I wanted to rip the whole thing out, by my best friend, an experienced gardener, advised that I give it another year. I trust that God is as patient with me. GPBS eNews

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 July)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)
- **Thursday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Friday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 15 (Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8)
- **Saturday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Sunday 23:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30)

### 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.