



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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
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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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray

properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?"' "Some enemy has done this" he answered.

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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

Church Cleaning

29 July

Cleaning: Paddy Lamb

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

Finances : 15/16 July

1st Collection \$ 1017

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$ 778 (34 envelopes)

Open Plate \$ 905

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



Deceased: Angela Young,

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 29/30 July

| | 6.00pm | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| P1 | Mary Kralj | Barney Manning | Maria Thomas |
| P2 | Brenda Byrne | Justin Neugebauer | Paul Knobloch |
| W | Annabelle F | Espi Tilbrook | Thomas Harry |
| HC. | Anton Crane Raylee Crane | Angeline D'Cruz Danielle Greig | Theresa Tanti Sheralee Van H |
| Children's Liturgy: | Megan and Noline | | |
| Music: | _____ | | |

GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY DAY

This year, on the third celebration of 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' The Holy Father Pope Francis has chosen a passage from the Gospel of Luke

"His mercy is from aged to aged"

as the theme is to emphasise the link between this celebration and World Youth Day (1st - 6th August, 2023)

Dear God,

*Thank you for the joy that older people bring us,
Thank you for their kindness and wisdom,
thank you their stories and experience,
thank you for the love they show us.
Please look after them and keep them safe.
Amen*



CHILD PROTECTION

All governments should make the
**UN Convention on the Rights of the
Child** available to all

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

WHAT'S ON

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| Mon | 24 July | Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's |
| Tues | 25 July | Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Volunteers Child Protection Session 600pm |
| Wed | 26 July | Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass 7.30pm—St Luke's |
| Thurs | 27 July | Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Group 10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's |
| Fri | 28 July | Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's |
| Sat | 29 July | Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's |
| Sun | 30 July | 17th Sunday Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC |

Charis SA Invites you

Contemplate Christ Crucified Obstacle-Folly-or

WISDOM OF GOD?

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| Guest Speaker: | Fr Josy Sebastian |
| When: | Saturday 12 August 2023 |
| Where: | St Peter Claver Church 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich |
| Time: | 10.30am to 3.30pm |
| Coffee & Tea provided: | Bring own lunch |
| Including Teaching, Reflection, Mass and Adoration | |
| Your donation appreciated | Info: 0407 060 715 |

St Luke's Craft Stall

The Craft Group will be having a
Father's Day
cake/craft stall after Masses
Saturday 29 July
Sunday 30 July

ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Serafino Winery, McLaren Vale,
Friday 15 Sept @ 6.45-8.30am
Guest Speaker "Focus on Family"
Further details: Kevin Barry 8382 3773
kevinjbarry@professionals.com.au

Charity Bake Sale

In aid of Diamond Women SA
Sunday August 6 and August 20
Help us support vulnerable women facing an
unplanned pregnancy

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 20/07/23)



- 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

The contrast between the good and bad seed reflects a reality within Matthew's community. This text highlights the difficulty of being a Church called to spread the good news while there are some within its ranks who scandalise others by their bad behaviour or decadent way of life.

This parable counsels patience. The answer to the dilemma is to let both the righteous and the lawless members of the community, grow together until the harvest time and then let God be the judge.

Ultimately, this parable assures its hearers that God will not allow evil to destroy what is good.

In the longer version of this gospel, the short parables of the kingdom compare it to a mustard seed and to the yeast in dough. Both are small and insignificant but both develop almost imperceptibly and once begun, there is no stopping them.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Darnel is an annual grass commonly found in grain fields as a weed. When it first shoots it looks very much like wheat.
- There are echoes in this gospel of the final judgment when the good will be separated from the bad, the sheep from the goats, the weeds from the harvest.

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And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

MIGHT AND MERCY
(Matthew 13: 24 - 43)

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow up together in the

harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and thistles.

No wonder that good and bad grow up together in families; parishes are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we were surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If I find within myself both good and evil, I have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in me.

KIDS' CORNER

Have you ever seen a seed when it first sprouts? So tiny and tender! But sometimes a weed pops up nearby. If you try to pull it, you might hurt that little seedling too. Sometimes it's best to leave the weed alone until the seedling is stronger. In the parable, Jesus is telling us that sin can be all around us. It's not going to go away. We are all tempted – even Jesus was tempted. But if we put our trust in Jesus and nothing else, we don't have to worry about what happens around us. We will grow strong in Jesus' love.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(24 - 30 July)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28) Time
- **Wednesday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9) Time
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 16 (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)
- **Saturday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Sunday 30:** 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)

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.