



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)

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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CHILD PROTECTION

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REGULAR WEEKEND

- SATURDAY EVENING
6.00pm - St Luke's
- SUNDAYS
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga
10.45am - St Luke's, Seaford
11.15am - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish
12.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED:
COVID-19 STAGE FIVE LOCKDOWN**



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick, Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat.' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there,

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COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 20 July, 2021)

COVID-19 LOCK DOWN

With the Premier announcing a hard lock down from 6.00pm on Tuesday night (20 July), churches will be closed as of that time. There will be no live-streaming of masses permitted, due to the restriction on all work except essential services.

This means parishes must also close their offices and no ceremonies are to take place including any masses, weddings, funerals and confirmations until further notice.

It is envisaged, at this stage, that the lockdown will be for a period of seven days.

Most importantly, please take care of yourself and members of your family.

You may wish to access:

[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

CORONAVIRUS POEM

*When this is over,
May we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.*

*When this ends,
May we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
We hoped to be,
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.*

Laura Kelly Fanucci

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and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted: So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.
- The Philip of this episode is mentioned in all four apostolic lists (Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Lk 6:14, Acts 1:13). He came from Bethsaida on the northern shores of the lake and is referred to most often in John's Gospel.
- Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.
- 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' One of the great symbols of the coming of the Messiah often used in the Hebrew Scriptures was the abundant feast. Here Jesus provides abundantly, thus he is presented as 'the prophet who is to come'.
- The twelve hampers' full that were gathered up could well represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus gathers all the people to himself.
- God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven.

EXPLORING THE WORD

For the next five weeks we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse which follows it in John's Gospel.

The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teaching on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more.

Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread. But the crowd misunderstands his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(July 26 - August 01)

- **Monday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 01:** 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35)

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).