



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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• ASSISTANT PRIEST

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
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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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his

purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. *(Continued page 4)*

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

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

July

Cleaning: Leona Tane

Vacuuming:

Finances : July

For weekend 22/23 July

1st Collection \$875.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$403.80 (28 envelopes)

Open Plate \$690.00

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:

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

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

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

LADIES COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Friday 4 August at 10.30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Friday of the month at St Luke's
after 10:00am Mass

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Over the next two weekends, throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

RCIA

RCIA will commence on Thursday, 7 September. If you know of anyone who has expressed interest in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office on 8382 1717 or Gabrielle Byrne.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM**

Pray for the healing of: Cate Lavell

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



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 5/6 August

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1 Paul Rijken	Youth		Yvonne Bennett
P2 Dave van Heerde	Youth		Michael Pols
W Christine Challis	Rhea Thomas		Gabrielle Byrne
HC. Kevin Barry	Angeline D’Cruz		Paul Knobloch
Paul Rijken	Rhea Thomas		Gabrielle Byrne

Children’s Liturgy:

Music: Sandiwa Folk Group

SOLEMNITIES FOR AUGUST

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MCKILLOP

(Co-patron Saint of Australia)

Tuesday, 8 August - Mass at 7:30pm

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Vigil - Monday, 14 Aug 7:30pm

Assumption of Mary - Tuesday, 15 Aug 7:30pm

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Tuesday, 15 August

St Luke’s - 7:30pm

Cardijn/St Luke’s - 9:00am

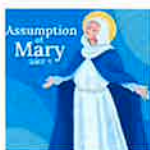
Cardijn/St Luke’s - 11:00am

All Saints/SCC - 11:45am

Marcellin - 12:15pm

St John’s - 1:45pm

Cardijn/ St Luke’s - 2:15pm



CHILD PROTECTION



Governments should respect the rights and responsibilities of families to guide their children so that, as they grow up, they learn to use their rights properly.

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	31 July	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s
Tues	1 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s Liturgy Meeting 7:30pm
Wed	2 August	Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass 7.30pm—St Luke’s
Thurs	3 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke’s Prayer Group 10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke’s
Fri	4 August	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke’s Mass 10.00am—St Luke’s Ladies Coffee and Cake 10:30am
Sat	5 August	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke’s Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke’s
Sun	6 August	18th Sunday Mass at 9.00am Parish Children’s Mass St Luke’s Mass at 10.45am—SCC

Charis SA Invites you

Contemplate Christ Crucified Obstacle-Folly-or

WISDOM OF GOD?

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

SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

All are invited to join to gather to celebrate Seaford Christian Community’s 27th Birthday Sunday week, August 6th.

Mass will begin at our usual time of 10.45am followed by a celebratory morning tea in the Café.

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

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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 27/07/23)



- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls”

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This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

KINGDOM STORIES

(Matthew 13: 44 - 52)

The last few weeks we’ve been treated with kingdom stories. Some are casual, like the woman kneading dough or the sower going out to plant a field. Some are loaded with suppressed excitement: the merchant finding the pearl, or the discovery of treasure in an unmarked field. What kind of kingdom can be glimpsed from a net cast lightly into the sea, emerging with the day’s catch AND a year’s worth of junk?

What’s clear is that the kingdom of God isn’t a simple idea. It’s not the usual religious jaunt from a life of good works to a heavenly reward. The kingdom is known through fidelity to small tasks yet holds enormous surprises and can lead to high spiritual gambles. We may be willing to put a pinch or piety into the dough and watch the bread rise. But not all of us will sell everything, even to purchase the brightest pearl on earth. Gamble, with our nest egg?

In fact, every kingdom story has its own risk factor. Not every loaf will rise, not every field sown will produce a yield. The dragnet if human experience pulls up what’s useful to spiritual growth and more garbage to haul around. We’re choosing, in every minute, how much we will sacrifice, how much to risk.

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Jesus continued, “God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser. The finder is ecstatic – what a find! – and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field”. (Matthew 13: 44)

As a journalist gathered notes for a story on Monsignor Jack Egan, renowned priest, she would feel his eyes searching her face. Egan was 80 at the time and had already become a legend among Catholic activists as a man who spoke truth to power and fought racial discrimination and social injustice with the faith and ferocity of an Old Testament prophet. His virtues were many, but the one he displayed that day – an understanding heart – surprised his young admirer.

Egan had asked her some searing questions about what she said was doing with her life. She knew her accomplishments and concerns were minor and compared with the great things this courageous man had achieved. With Egan’s prompting, she finally admitted to being stymied by a broken heart over a lost love. She then quickly dismissed her problem as petty and insignificant compared with the suffering of people around the world.

“Young lady,” Egan said, “don’t ever diminish the pain you feel. Your pain is as real as anyone else’s and equally worthy of healing”. She considers the wisdom shared that day as her pearl of great price. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(31 July - 6 August)

- **Monday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Dominic (Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 4:** St John Vianney (Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 17 (Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 6:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9)

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.