



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THE TRANSFIGURATION 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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Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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(Please submit newsletter items to the Parish Office by 11.30am each Wednesday)

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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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and

glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured: His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

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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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Dr Paul Rijken

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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

August

Cleaning:

Vacuumping: Denise Bachman

Finances : August

For weekend 29/30 July

1st Collection \$782.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$299.00 (23 envelopes)

Open Plate \$602.00

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:

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

The Theme of WYD is "*Mary arose and went with haste*" (Lk 1:39).

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

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week, we affirm and pray for all the baptized who are uniquely called by God. We acknowledge the Single Life, Married Life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church.

Please note that next weekend, there will be a leaving collection for Vocations.

RCIA

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO.....

Has expressed an interest in being Catholic?

Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 or email nswcp@tpg.com.au

Life in the Spirit Seminar

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held on Saturday, 12 August from 11:00am-3:30pm and again on Sunday, 13 August from 12:00pm-3:30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.



The speaker will be Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS. Topics: God's Love, Salvation, New Life, Receiving God's Gifts, Prayer for a New Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Growth and Transformation in Christ.

For enquiries and bookings, please phone Pauline on 0403 002 240 by 10 August. Cost by donation, bring your own lunch.

All welcome!

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries – 17 September



Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognize couples in their life-long commitment. The Archdiocese will provide parishes with digital resource via email. In addition to the resource, there will be a digital form for parishes to nominate married couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries to receive a certificate for presenting in their parish.

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

Pray for the healing of: Nicanor Molata, Astrid Houareau, 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 12/13 August

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Denis Jones	St John's	Paul Knobloch
P2	Brenda Byrne	St John's	Thomas Harry
W	Christine Jones	St John's	Maria Thomas
H C	Christine Challis	Maria Nolan	Gabrielle Byrne
	Kevin Barry	Angeline D'Cruz	Dave van Heerde

Children's Liturgy

Music	6:00pm Children's Choir	9:00am St John's Family Mass

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

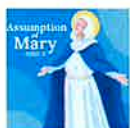
Cardijn/St Luke's - 11:00am

All Saints/SCC - 11:45am

Marcellin - 12:15pm

St John's - 1:45pm

Cardijn/ St Luke's - 2:15pm



CHILD PROTECTION



Children have the right to live a full life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily.

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

WHAT'S ON

Mon	7 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	8 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's PPC Meeting 6:30pm Solemnity Mass—St Luke's
Wed	9 August	Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group 10.00am Mass 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	10 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Prayer Group 10.00am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	11 August	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	12 August	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	13 August	19th Sunday Mass at 9.00am Family Mass St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—Seaford Family Mass Mass at 5.30pm - St Luke's

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

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



Congratulations and God's Blessings to all who are celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in August.



SCC Community Lunch

There will be an SCC Community Lunch on Thursday, 31 August. Invite your friends and make up a table of four (4). Cost is \$15.00 per person with a choice of mains followed by dessert and tea or coffee.

Are available from the SCC Café Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-2pm.

Charity Bake Sale

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 03/08/23)



- 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

In the Hebrew Scriptures high mountains were seen as holy places; places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God's own hand (Ex 19); it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze (1 Kings 19:9). When Jesus takes the three disciples to the top of the mountain, it should come as no surprise that they encounter the glorified divinity of Christ.

In Christ, both the Law, represented by Moses, and the Prophets, represented by Elijah, is fulfilled. This fleeting moment of revelation to the disciples leaves them gasping and speechless. Peter wants to retain the memory of this glimpse of the glorified Christ by commemorating it with three tents but the gesture has a hollow ring when they have the Christ with them as a constant reminder. 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' It is the word of Jesus which will bring life and glorification. This glimpse of who Jesus really is should sustain them and yet the disciples still wonder what the mission and ministry of Jesus means.

The true nature of Jesus will only be revealed at his resurrection.

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He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

A DIVINE DESIGN

(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a loin when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth's delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw it on that fateful day.

Ponder

Get ready to participate in some powerful transfigurations! Ask God to change the rough, ugly, or impossible roads in your life into freeways for grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to make the valleys smooth, and the mountains

low. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk".
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DID YOU KNOW?

- The event of the Transfiguration is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor where a beautiful church with magnificent mosaics commemorates this event.
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory will be the same ones who witness his agony in the garden prior to his arrest and crucifixion.
- There is great debate among scholars about the meaning of the term 'Son of Man' and whether Jesus used this title of himself or whether his disciples used it of him after his death. In the Book of Daniel, it is used as a term for God's final agent of salvation at the end times.

KIDS' CORNER

The disciples are confused and scared when they hear the voice from the cloud and see Jesus in his glory. But here on the mountain, they are told to listen to Jesus. That's good to remember anytime you're worried or afraid: Listen to what Jesus says to you. Trust that he loves you. Then, like the disciples, you can get up and get moving. You can have courage in God's love for you.
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(7 - 13 August)

- **Monday, 7:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 8:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Wednesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thursday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Friday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Saturday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sunday 13:** 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)

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.