



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Vol 11 : No 38

NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD

CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

Cnr Goldsmith Drive and Honeypt Rd, (PO Box 406) NOARLUNGA, SA 5168 Phone: 8382 1717

(Please leave a message outside office hours and we will get back to you as soon as we can)

Email: nswcp@tpg.com.au

Web: www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717; in an emergency 0452 524 169; jponnambal@gmail.com)

• ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha (8382 1717; okwadha@yahoo.com)

• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241; fishlock11@tpg.com.au

(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 - 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 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'

'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,

(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:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579
gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

Child Safe Contact Person:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

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

For weekend 19/20 August

Cleaning: Sally and Pat

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

Finances : August

For weekend 5/6 August

1st Collection \$875.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$422.00 (22 envelopes)

Open Plate \$699.00

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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Today is the second weekend of National Vocation Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptized, we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the priesthood.

Special collection will be taken up at the end of Mass

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

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.

FR TOM GLEESON - 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr Tom will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday 1st September.

You are invited to join with others to help him celebrate this significant event with an evening meal at "The Alma" Hotel, 15 Hill Street, Willunga - 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Please ring Marie Andrews 0423 302 746 for more details and to book a place.

Winners of the Bobonaro Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bobonaro Raffle. We were able to raise \$356.00.

Prize Winners:

1st	Breda Robinson	Gr D82
2nd	Pat Harrington	Rd D55
3rd	Betty van Heerde	Or D71
4th	Evelyn Bernardo	Or D40
5th	Lil Osborn	Or D74
6th	Thomas Harry	Or C88

**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 Lavelle, 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 19/20 August

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Christine Challis	Maria Nolan	Dave van Heerde
P2	Paul Rijken	Salvador Vega	Matthew Varghese
W	Mel Buenviaje	Erika Badics	Ronan Thomas
H C	Denis Jones	Rhea Thomas	Paul Knobloch
	Christina Jones	Angeline D'Cruz	Thomas Harry

Children's Liturgy

Music	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am
--------------	-------------------	--------

SOLEMNITY FOR AUGUST

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 - 12:15pm

All Saints/SCC - 11:45am

Marcellin - 11:00am

St John's - 1:45pm

Cardijn/ St Luke's - 2:15pm



CHILD PROTECTION

Children have the right to a legally registered name and nationality. Children also have the right to know their parents and, as far as possible, to be cared for by them.



CHILDREN'S MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9.00AM
NEXT MASS WILL BE 3 SEPTEMBER

WHAT'S ON

- Mon 14 August Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
7:30pm—Vigil of the Assumption of Mary
- Tues 15 August Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Assumption Mass
- Wed 16 August Mass at SCC—9.15am
Craft Group 10.00am
Ecumenical Prayer Group at SCC—10:30am
Mass 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs 17 August Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Prayer Group 10.00am
Benediction at 12.30pm
Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
SCC Council Meeting—7:00pm
- Fri 18 August Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's
Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
- Sat 19 August Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 20 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass at 10.45am— SCC
Mass at 5.30pm - St Luke's

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

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.

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

We are in need of cans of fruit and tuna for **St Luke's Pastoral Care Pantry.**



Donation of goods can be left in the box in the Church foyer. These goods are to provide assistance for people in need in our parish. If you are unable to donate goods but would like to offer financial support, donations can also be left at the Church office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sunday Night Dinner will be served after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 20 August.

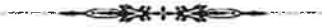
Charity Bake Sale

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 10/08/23)



- 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

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

(Continued from page 1)

but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
(Matthew 14: 22 - 33)

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he'd spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But like the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the steady view of his Lord. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the "little faith" Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure? *GPBS eNews*

**DON'T MIND THAT
SINKING FEELING**

Have you ever tried to teach someone to swim? That was part of my job description when I volunteered at a youth ministry camp back in my uni days. Some of the kids took to the water like little otters, slipping and swooshing around and having a ball.

Others sank like the sand-filled milk bottles we used as anchors for the camp rowboats. The difference in outcomes had little to do with athletic ability and almost everything to do with fear – or lack of it. The ones who were not afraid swam like fish. The ones who were afraid of the water tended to splash and splutter wildly and sink, sink, sink – which of course did nothing to allay their fear of the water.

Peter demonstrates this principle quiet effectively in this week's gospel. Impetuous as always, when Peter sees the astounding sight of Jesus walking toward his boat in the middle of the night, he rushes out to meet him. But quickly he begins to realise what he has just done. Like a cartoon character that ran too far off a short pier, he starts to sink. Luckily for him, Jesus is standing nearby and stretches out his hand, catches him up, and brings him to safety.

As you navigate your way through the stormy waters of life, does fear give you a sinking feeling? Learn from Peter. Know that Jesus is always nearby, ready to stretch out a hand a catch you up and bring you to safety. All it takes is a little faith.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(14 - 20 August)

- **Monday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6.10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 (Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

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.