



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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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

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• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER

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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 - 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

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

MATTHEW 15:28



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.'

He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's

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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

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 26/27 August
Cleaning: Paddy Lamb
Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances : August

For weekend 12/13 August
1st Collection \$832.00
Support for Archdiocesan Priests
2nd Collection \$457.00 (23 envelopes)
Open Plate \$559.00

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.

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

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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new set of envelopes from the information counter.
If you are interested in joining the planned giving program, please contact the Church Office.

Scam Alert—Phishing Messages and Emails

It has come to our attention that our parishioners have been receiving text messages impersonating priests and/or staff asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please do not reply or click on any of the links and block the email or phone number. They may look legitimate from trusted sources but are actually attempts to steal your personal information or infect your device.

To stay safe, please remain vigilant and follow best practices for online security: check sender's email; be cautious of urgent or threatening messages; avoid clicking or downloading links and verify authenticity.

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

Pray for the healing of: Cherie Morrison, Nicanor Molata, Astrid Houareau, Cate Lavelle, Norleen Zarah, Shelley Heard, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson



Deceased: Jill Gaston

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 26/27 August

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Christine Jones	Espi Tilbrook	Michael Pols
P2	Denis Jones	Justin Neugebauer	Yvonne Bennett
W	Brenda Byrne	Danielle Greig	Gabrielle Byrne
HC	Raylee Crane	Angeline D'Cruz	Dave van Heerde
	Anton Crane	Danielle Greig	Maria Thomas
Children's Liturgy	Kim and Nicoline		
Music	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am	5:30pm

Confirmation



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating the confirmation of 36 children from our Parish, St John's School and All Saints School. The confirmation ceremony will be held at St Luke's Church on Tuesday, 22 August at 7:00pm.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

Help Needed!

Julia and Mary are in need of more volunteers to help in washing altar linen basics. Join them and put your hands in the tub. Volunteers are rostered for 4/5 weekends (three times a year).

For more information, contact Julia on 8384 4036 or the Parish office on 8382 1717.

They would like to especially thank 'retirees' Margaret Van Der Linden and Doreen Salt for their generous help over many years.

Your reward will be great in heaven!

CHILD PROTECTION



Children have the right to relax, play and to join in a wide range of leisure activities.

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

WHAT'S ON

Mon	21 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Confirmation practice at 5:30pm
Tues	22 August	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Confirmation Mass 7:00pm—St Luke's
Wed	23 August	Mass at 9:15am—SCC Craft Group 10:00am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	24 August	Mass at 9:00am—St Luke's Prayer Group 10:00am Benediction at 12:30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	25 August	Rosary at 9:30am—St Luke's Mass 10:00am—St Luke's Youth Meeting at 6:00pm
Sat	26 August	Reconciliation at 9:00am—St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm—St Luke's
Sun	27 August 21 st	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.

Father's Day Raffle

The Craft Group will be having a Father's day raffle after all the weekend Masses on 16/27 August.

Charity Bake Sale

In aid of Diamond Women SA, a bake sale will be held on Sunday, August 20, to help support vulnerable women facing an unplanned pregnancy

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 17/08/23)



- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

All the readings for this week speak of foreigners who have accepted faith in the one God. The gospel tells of a great learning moment for Jesus. He ignores the pleas of the Gentile woman but, ultimately, she forces him to recognise that salvation is available to all people who have faith. This would have been a salient message for those in Matthew's community who struggled to come to terms with Gentiles entering their community.

PRAYER AT HOME

*O God let all the nations praise you!
O God, be gracious and bless us and
let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon
earth and all nations learn your
saving help.
O God, let all nations praise you.*

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table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

BUILDING A BIGGER HOUSE

(Matthew 15: 21 - 28)

Even dogs have hope! This is what the woman says to Jesus, when she asks him to heal her tormented daughter. She classifies her family with dogs, knowing the average Israelite would describe a Canaanite that way. Jesus is astounded by her faith and gives her the desire of her heart.

Some scholars claim Jesus was testing the woman by not responding to her request right away. Others say Jesus learned from her that his mission was larger than Israel. This seems strange to those of us who were taught that Jesus had the mind of God from the time Mary first laid him in the straw. But if Jesus is also fully human, he'd have to grow in wisdom and grace, as Luke says Jesus did.

This woman summoned up the courage to tell Jesus how to run his own ministry! The best of the prophets and saints showed this kind of spirit, sparring with God over matters of importance to them. Who knows what could happen if more people prayed with such confidence? Who knows how many of us could wrestle with God like Abraham, Jacob, Hannah, and the Canaanite woman - and win?

Do you think God's mind can be changed? Do you think there are things about which "God's mind is made up"?

ALL ARE WELCOME

My father told me the story about his being an immigrant teenager desperately looking for work with his two brothers. Employment office after employment office had signs that said, "Italians need not apply" or "No Italians wanted". To find work, they had to go inland and take the dangerous job of working in the coal mines, work that nobody else wanted.

Perhaps that is why when he opened his grocery store, he was tolerant of all who wanted to work for him or shop there. He always said that the

money people spend was green, not black or white or brown. He was pragmatic, if anything.

So, too, the church is welcoming, or should be, of all who choose to believe its message. Paul makes that clear as he brought the Gentiles into the church. Isaiah states that God's house "is called a house of prayer for all people".

So, we gather, all of us, with our differences, but united in one faith and ask for God's help in all that we do. It is that faith and our need for God's help that joins us together. All are wanted and welcome.

KIDS' CORNER

... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56: 7)

Every three years, about a million Catholic young people from all over the world gather at an event called World Youth Day. This year's World Youth Day was in Lisbon, Portugal. It is a time for young Catholics to go to Mass together, share stories, learn about other cultures and languages and become friends. Pope Francis once said about World Youth Day: "We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word be our unity in prayer".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 August)

- **Monday, 21:** St Pius X (Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jun 1:45-51)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 (Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 27:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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.