



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)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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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)

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 PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta (8382 1717)

Fr Arul Dev (8382 1717)

• 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

• SUNDAYS

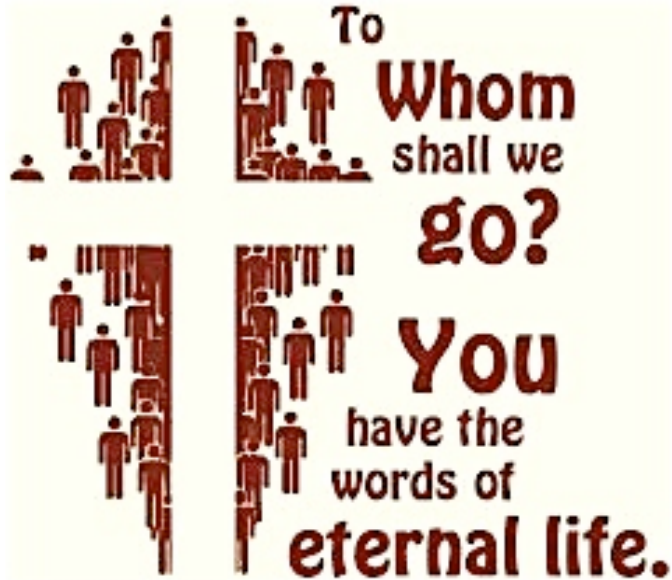
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the people through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of

the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts.

For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.

This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:63, 38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am and
Half an hour before all weekend masses

Pastoral Coordinator:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Child Safe Contact Person:

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 - Mrs Liz Keogh

Cardijn College 8392 9500

Principal - Dr P Rijken

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Mr Pat Harmer

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Chris Burrows

Church Cleaning

For weekend 28 August:

Cleaning: Adeline & Mark
McLoughlin

Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

Finances 14/15 Aug

1st Collection \$615

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$579 (30 envelopes)

Open Plate \$551

Thank you for your ongoing support and
commitment to the community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open

10.00am—3.00pm on

Tuesday—Friday

For emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:

26 Aug The Future of Catholicism in
Australia

4 Sept Healing Seminar

16 Sept Charismatic Mass



Dinner will be served
following the Youth Mass
next Sunday 29 August.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SA GOVERNMENT COVID RULES

PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are mandatory for indoor places. (Celebrant exempt)

3 persons per 4 square metres

No Singing Choir or Congregation

**You must still record your name and phone number in the book provided
in the foyer OR use the QR code.**

More details are on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

Catholic School of Evangelisation

invites you to a

Healing Seminar

with guest speaker & Celebrant Fr Patrice Ndemasi

4th September 10.30 am to 3.30p.m

St Peter Claver, Parish Church

8 Stuart Road, Dulwich

See Bulletin Board for more info.

MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HITS HAITI



Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with
the people of the Haiti who have been devastated
by a **7.2 magnitude earthquake.**

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more
left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake,
and reports indicate that **more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.**
The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing
political instability and violence.

**There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits
and first aid on the ground.**

To provide support, you can donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency
Response Appeal.**

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



Caption: Earthquake destruction in Haiti. Photo Catholic Relief Services

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

Pray for the healing of: Catherine Kelley, Cherie Morrison, Miho Forbes, Neville & Heather D'Cruz, Jack Vaughan, Pat Vaughan, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Angela Young, David Healey, John Mancini, Mick Wood, Sally McPhail, Eugene Byrne, Pauline Wheeldon, Gentile Monardo, Gerry Burns



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Jim Bennett, Chris Bennett, Patrick Bennett, Annette Bennett

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 28/29 August

6.00pm 9.00am

Proclaimer 1 Anabelle Fernandez John Van Der Linden

Proclaimer 2 Adele Revina Mary Barrow

Welcomer Mary Kralj Connie Anderson

Music Roster:

BLESSING OF SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Archbishop O'Regan, has advised that the "Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries" for couples who are celebrating a special anniversary this year, will **not** be held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, due to the COVID restrictions.

On Sunday, 19 September 2021, we will celebrate Significant Wedding Anniversaries at St Luke's and SCC, for 10, 15, 20, 25,30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 or more years.

A special Certificate from the Catholic Archdiocese will be prepared and presented to mark your special anniversary and life-long commitment.

If you have a special Anniversary this year and would like your marriage blessed, please ring the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Serafino Winery, McLaren Vale,

Friday 17 Sept @ 6.45-8.30am

Guest Speaker Fr Richard Leonard

\$35 per person—\$32pp when booking tables of 10

Further details contact Church office

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.

WHAT'S ON

- Mon Aug 23 Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues Aug 24 Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
 Mass at 9.15am—St John's
Wed Aug 25 Mass All Saints—9.15am
 Craft Group 10am
 7.30pm Cardijn Board Meeting
 Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs Aug 26 Mass & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9am
 Prayer Meeting 10am
 Benediction St Luke's—12.30pm
 Rosary St Luke's—7pm
Fri Aug 27 Rosary St Luke's—9.30am
 Mass St Luke's—10.00am
Sat Aug 28 Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's
 Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun Aug 29 Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's
 Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?



Was baptized 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 your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact **Paul Knobloch** at **0433 471 077** or email pknobloch@adam.com.au

INVITATION TO THE DIOCESAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Due to Covid-19 restrictions The Youth Assembly has now been postponed to 21 November. More information is available on the COYYA website www.cathyouthadelaidelaide.org.au.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER REFLECTION

ALL ARE WELCOME

to participate in an

Ecumenical Prayer Reflection Group

in SCC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.



For further information, contact Sr Bernie. 0400 035 462.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12 August, 2021)

- The density requirement has changed to 3 people per 4 sqm. Weddings and funerals are capped at 50 people (provided density requirements are met).
- Wearing of masks is mandatory for indoor places. Wearing of masks is strongly recommended for Parish Offices.
- Choirs and congregational singing are not permitted. A single distanced singer is permitted.
- Recommendation from Archdiocesan Office that tea/coffee after Mass be suspended.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around, but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. 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.

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GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their

unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 23 - 29)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 24:** St Bartholomew (Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)
- **Friday, 27:** St Monica (1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 28:** St Augustine (1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 29:** 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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).