



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD

CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

Cnr Goldsmith Drive and Honeypot 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 - *(Fr Josy is on annual leave until 22 September)*

• ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha
(8382 1717; 0421 074 212
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

Please contact the Parish Office -
8382 1717

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

• SATURDAY EVENING

6.00pm - St Luke's, Noarlunga

• SUNDAYS

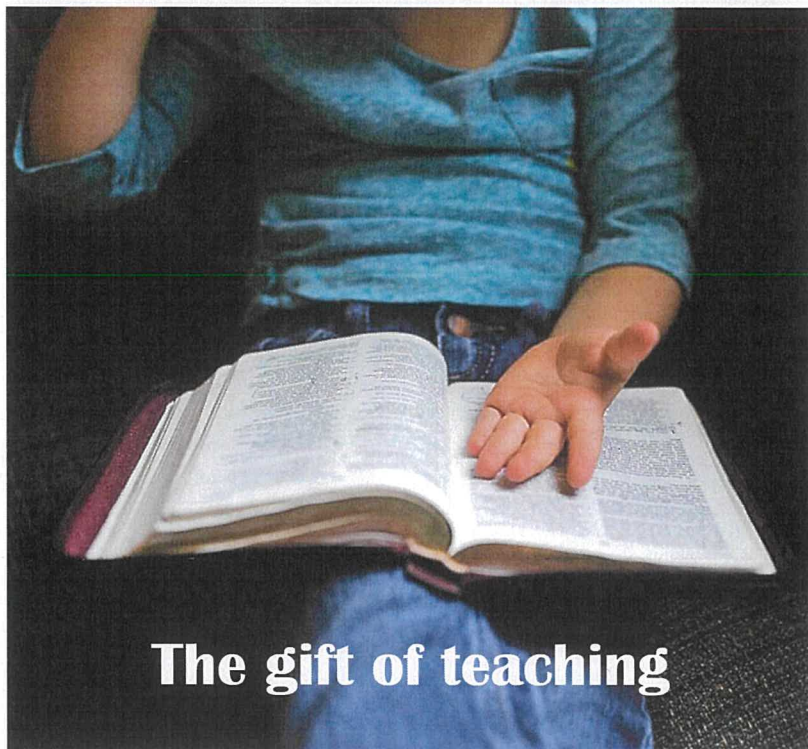
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

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



The gift of teaching

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*

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SOLEMNITIES

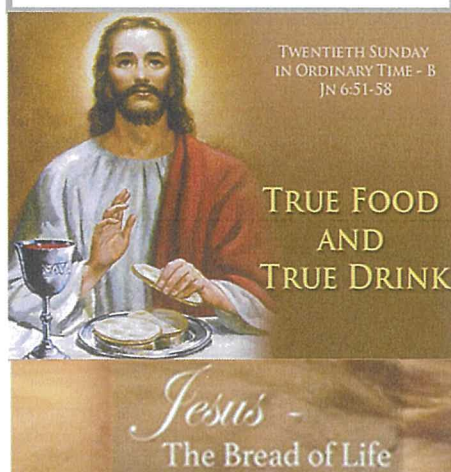
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DECEMBER 2024

All Saints' Day
Friday, 1 November

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**
Sunday, 24 November

**The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Monday, 9 December

The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday, 25 December



Church Cleaning

For weekend 31 Aug/1 Sept
Cleaning: Julie Lindur/Margaret Pena
Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances : August

For weekend 17/18 August
1st Collection \$800.00
Support for Archdiocesan Priests
2nd Collection \$432.00 (23 envelopes)
Open Plate \$827.00

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:

2024 Upcoming Courses
26 September: Charis SA

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

Roster for weekend 31 Aug/1 Sept

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 9:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
P	Fr Michael Brennan	Fr Michael Brennan	Fr Dominick	Fr Dominick
P1	Brenda Byrne	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Shona Gomeri
P2	Dave van Heerde	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Kris Lazell
W	Paul Rijken	Children's Mass	Children's Mass	Jan Hicks
HC	Kevin Barry	Rhea Thomas	Gabrielle Byrne	Dolores McCluskey
	Anton Crane	Raylee Crane	Theresa Tanti	
Children's Liturgy		N/A		Dolores McCluskey
Music	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm	

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 gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Social justice Sunday is observed every year on the final Sunday of August.

This year's commemoration is on the Sunday (August 25).

The 2024 theme is "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World". The Catholic Church in Australia has a long tradition of commemorating Social Justice Sunday. The Catholic Bishops have issued an annual Social Justice Statement practically every year since 1940. The social justice remarks are made on behalf of the entire bishops' conference in time for Social Justice Sunday. These declarations are issued with the hopes of provoking thought and action throughout the year.

This year's declaration will be available online soon.

Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, 15th September 2024, Parishes and Communities are encouraged to celebrate the Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries by honouring the life-long commitment and love shared by married couples.

If you or someone you know is celebrating a significant anniversary this year, we invite you to let the Parish Office know of their details so they can be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on Sunday, 15th September to be held in our Parish during the Mass (time to be advised).

In addition to the resources, the Archdiocese will send a form to Parishes and Communities to nominate married couples who are celebrating milestone Anniversaries to be returned to my Office, and a Certificate will be prepared and then returned to the Parish or Community for presenting to the couple to mark their Anniversary.

Pray for the healing of: Jennifer Abadilla, Ollie Ebsary, Elijah Ebsary, Mark Malagoski, Rachael Bartolo, Terry Byrne, Joanna Lavelle, Tom and Mary Worden, Margaret Jack, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Catherine Kelley, Anthony Shaw, Greg Cahill, Maresa Sylvester, Jade Robusti, Paul Badics, Neville and Heather D'Cruz, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard, Astrid Houareau



Deceased: Cristina Eden, Raul Carozo, Cornelius (Casey) Oudshoorn,

Anniversaries:

(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: September 29

The 110th World Day of Migrant and Refugee will take place on Sunday, 29th September with the theme, '*God Walks with His People*'. World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been celebrated since 1914. It is an occasion to recognise the courage and fortitude of these people and heighten our level of empathy and understanding for the plight and difficult decisions they have had to make.

PRAYER GROUP

We'd love for more people to join our Prayer group. At our meetings we praise, and pray to God - and learn about Him.

We have different topics every week, sharing faith and life together.

Men are very welcome too.

Meeting Time: Thursdays, 10:00am -12 noon + lunch

Contacts: Theresa on 0401 293 194
and Angie 8382 7257

ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Date & Time: Friday, 30 August from 6:45am

Where: Serafino Winery, McLaren Vale

Guest Speaker: Georgie Thomas, founder of "Mustard Seed Family Project"

For further details: Kevin Barry 8382 3773
kevinjbarry@professionals.com.au

CHILD PROTECTION



Children should be protected from any activities that could harm their development. Children who have been neglected or abused should receive special help to restore their self-respect.

CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM AND 5:30PM.

NEXT MASS WILL BE ON 8 SEPTEMBER.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	19 August	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues	20 August	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Wed	21 August	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Craft Group at 10:00am Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs	22 August	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Meeting at 10:00am Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm
Fri	23 August	Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass at 10:00am - St Luke's
Sat	24 August	Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun	25 August	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's



Seaford Christian Churches

811 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)

SCC NEWS

- **SAVE THE DATE:** "International Day of Peace" event to be held at SCC on Saturday, 21st September 2024.
- **Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Gathering** led by Pastor Kevin Wood (Lutheran Community) on 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00am.
- **SCC Emergency Food:** Thank you for your outstanding generosity in supporting this appeal.
- Don't forget to drop into our **TOWN SQUARE CAFE** for freshly brewed coffee and cake, a bowl of warming soup or a delicious low cost nutritious

PLEASE NOTE:

Week of 26th August all week day Masses will be celebrated in the meeting room.

Our Altar and Bell Tower are getting an overdue spring clean.

Please ring the priests after 9:00pm ONLY in an emergency. Otherwise, ring or text them during office hours or in the daytime.

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BAPTISM of INFANTS

Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of
RECONCILIATION**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am
or by appointment

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR

Gabrielle Byrne

Phone: 0422 804 579

Email: gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

Contact - Gabrielle Byrne

Phone: 0422 804 579

Email: gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

Child Protection Unit: 8210 8159

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson - Paul Rijken

PARISH LITURGY GROUP

Chairperson - Margaret Burns

**PARISH SCHOOLS and
COLLEGES**

- St John the Apostle (8382 2064)
Principal - Leanne Johansen
- All Saints (8327 0020)
Principal - Nick Wright
- Cardijn College (8392 9500)
Principal - Steve Byrne
Heads of Campus
Marian - Wade Champion
Galilee - Kerri Gould (8557 9000)
Marcellin - Gianni Petrucci

DID YOU KNOW?

- This is another example in the gospels of Peter taking a leadership role among the twelve.
- Peter's role of leadership among the chosen is why, to this day, his successor, the Pope, has a special position among the leaders of the Church.

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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!

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.'

TOUGH CALL

In the first frame of a comic strip by Tom Toles, a man slouched in an armchair watches TV and hears, "Worldwatch Institute says we need to stop consuming the planet immediately or we lose it. It's as simple as that." In the next two frames there is silence until, at last, the fellow - dare we call him "Everyman"? - responds: "Decisions, decisions," and we laugh at his self-delusion.

When Joshua asks, bare-faced, "Who are you going to serve?" the people answer as if it's obvious: "Far be it

from us to serve any other God!" In the gospel, Jesus asks the wrenching question: "Do you also want to leave?" and we can shake our heads at those who do walk away because Jesus' demands are so hard.

If only we humans were not so complicated. In daily life, most choices do not present themselves as "Am I going to serve the one God or not?" or "Am I going to stick with Jesus or walk away from him?" We just read them as ordinary choices, unrelated to our spiritual life. So in case we've missed the point that we often frame life's questions a self-referential way, there is a footnote in the cartoon's last frame where the question is restated in painful honesty: "How much longer am I going to need (the planet)?"

To be part of this believing community of faith implies that your answers are, "Far be it from me to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." You are answering Jesus in your heart: "Lord, to whom shall I go but you?" The problem is that when you cross the church's threshold, life instantly becomes so much more complicated and it's easy to complain, "Decisions, decisions."

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(August 26 - September 01)

- **Monday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 27:** St Monica (2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22)
- **Wednesday, 28** St Augustine (2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)
- **Thursday 29:** The Passion of St John the Baptist (Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29)
- **Friday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)
- **Saturday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 21 (1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30)
- **Sunday 01:** 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 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 0417 801 241.