



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**TWENTY-THIRD 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](mailto:nswcp@tpg.com.au)

Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://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](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))

#### **• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER**

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;  
[fishlock11@tpg.com.au](mailto: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**

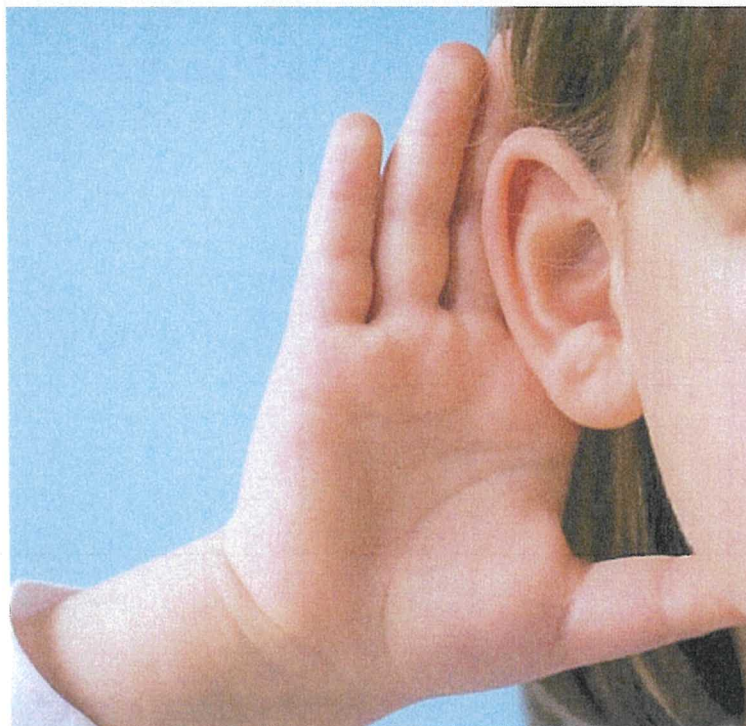
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

10.45am - SCC, Seaford

11.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Spanish

2.00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Filipino

5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalms 145:7-10**

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

### **SECOND READING**

**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take

notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 4:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

### **GOSPEL**

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

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## SOLEMNITIES

**in NOVEMBER and  
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

### LADIES' COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

For the month of  
September has had to be  
cancelled due to church  
renovations



## Jesus heals.

Mark 7:31-37

### Church Cleaning

For weekend 14/15 September  
Cleaning: Julie Lindur and Lyn Finkers  
Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

### Finances : September

For weekend 31 Aug/1 Sept  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$669.00  
Support for Archdiocesan Priests  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$355.00 (22 envelopes)  
Open Plate \$839.00

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 14/15 September

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 9:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
<b>P</b>	Mons Dempsey	Mons Dempsey	Fr Dominick	Fr Dominick
<b>P1</b>	Tinna Buenviaje	Salvador Vega	Yvonne Bennett	Reggie Rupinkas
<b>P2</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Rhea Thomas	Dave van Heerde	Bianca
<b>W</b>	Brenda Byrne	Espi Tilbrook	Gabrielle Byrne	Angela McDonagh
<b>HC</b>	Anton Crane	Danielle Greig	Sheralee van Heerde	Dolores McCluskey
	Raylee Crane	Maria Nolan	Dave van Heerde	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>				Dolores McCluskey
<b>Music</b>	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](mailto:gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com)

### Safeguarding Sunday: 8 September 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on  
which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.  
We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay  
people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church  
requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will  
help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at  
risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are  
vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



### Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> September to  
be held in our Parish during the 9:00am Mass.

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.

+Patrick O'Regan  
Archbishop of Adelaide



**Pray for the healing of:** Dean Davey, Sue Moore, Jennifer Abadilla, Ollie Ebsary, Elijah Ebsary, 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:**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret McCann, Gerard Johnson  
(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

**Migrant and Refugee Sunday: September 29**

The 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrant and Refugee will take place on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**September is Catholic Charities Month**

*Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians*

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following five frontline agencies in South Australia: Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Hutt St Centre, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. The leaflet details how these funds have made a significant impact in our community.

Leaflets are available at the information desk. Please take one to find out more about the September Appeal.

**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

**CHILD PROTECTION**



Children have the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs. The government should help families who cannot afford to provide this.

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

**NEXT MASS WILL BE ON 6 OCTOBER.**

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon 9 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues 10 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Wed 11 Sept	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Craft Group at 10:00am Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs 12 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Meeting at 10:00am Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm
Fri 13 Sept	Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass at 10:00am - St Luke's Ladies' Coffee and Cake at 10:30am Youth at 6:00pm
Sat 14 Sept	Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun 15 Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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**

611 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)

**SCC NEWS**

- **International Day of Peace:** interfaith gathering to be held at SCC Wirra (outdoor garden area) on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10:30am-12 midday to be led by Fr Tom. In preparation for this gathering, there will be a meditation each Saturday at 10:00am in the Wirra area with Fr Tom.
- **SCC Emergency Food:** Thank you for your ongoing support.
- **Save the Date:** SCC AGM on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00pm.

**Reminder: Pyx Holders**



If you are a parishioner with a parish pyx and are not using it, kindly return it to the parish.

If you are still using it, please inform the parish and advise the pyx number.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Offering Envelopes**



Please collect your new set of **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** from the information desk.

**Please note:** As part of the Occupational Health and Safety of our parish, could we please remind everyone, especially the little ones, to refrain from going near the scaffolding in the church.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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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](mailto: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

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Email: [gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com](mailto: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

**KID'S CORNER**

Where is God when it's dark and stormy at night? Where is God when we are worried about someone we love? Where is God when we are scared to try something new? God is always with us. God is here now. God is in every here and every now. When you feel afraid, try this: Close your eyes, take a deep breath and imagine the love of God wrapping you up like a blanket. Remind yourself that God is with you, no matter what.

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and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**LISTEN UP!**

The story of Jesus healing of the man who could not hear or speak used to gross me out. Spitting and touching the guy's tongue? Sticking fingers into his grimy ears? Even the groaning of Jesus, uttering "Ephphatha!" was a visceral reminder that the Incarnation isn't all roses and rainbows.

But such details blinded me to something huge: how important it would be, in biblical times, to have one's hearing and speech restored.

Consider: most people in Jesus' day couldn't read or write. Anything not grasped by the naked eye – ideas, human complexity of any kind, stories from the past and basic news of the day – depended upon hearing (and relaying) word-of-mouth communication. Within this oral culture, people who could not hear or speak were at such a loss, they were classified by Jewish law (and seen in Greek society) as mentally defective.

Individuals who could not hear or speak also missed out on the great tradition – passed down, orally – of trusting in God's saving ways. Moreover, it's a faith tradition that values hearing and speaking. As the Bible tells us, God speaks all of creation into being – and later voices the Ten Commandments. "Hear, O Israel" being the proclamation of many a prophet. Jesus talks incessantly about hearing the word of God. The psalms are peppered with repeated requests that God hear our pleas, our prayers, our songs of praise.

It's a good reminder to really listen –

and respond – the next time we're at Mass and hear the word of God proclaimed. *GPBS eNews*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus has entered the realm of Gentiles.
- The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the south of the Sea of Galilee.
- 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus.
- The Gospels were written in Greek but we sometimes encounter evidence of an earlier written Aramaic source of stories about Jesus or evidence at least of earlier oral traditions which preserve the Aramaic sayings of Jesus.
- The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfilment now!

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(September 09 - 15)

- **Monday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)
- **Tuesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 23 (1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)
- **Friday, 14:** St John Chrysostom (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42)
- **Saturday, 15:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Sunday 16:** 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

**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.