

The last
will be first,
and the
first will
be last.



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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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](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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Fr Dominick Okwadha
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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



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know

what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went.

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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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Dr Paul Rijken

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St John the Apostle 8382 2064

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Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni

Church Cleaning

For weekend 30 Sept/1 October

Cleaning: Leona Tane

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

Finances : September

For weekend 16/17 September

1st Collection \$786.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$384.00 (25 envelopes)

Open Plate \$734.00

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.

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 agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly, can result in death.

Next week, **Catholic Mission** will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

October is Rosary Month

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

St Luke's Parish will be celebrating Rosary Month with a ten day daily devotion from October 1-10. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be followed by the Holy Mass on the following dates.

Day and Date	Time	
Sun, 1 Oct	5:00pm 5:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Mon-Fri 2-6 Oct	7:00pm 7:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Sat, 7 Oct	5:30pm 6:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Sun, 8 Oct	5:00pm 5:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Mon-Tues 9-10 Oct	7:00pm 7:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass

Australian Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, *"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"*.

The pilgrimage will commence in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Brochures on Information desk

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

Pray for the healing of: Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson, Kane, Hammersley, Mark Peppin, Clyde Peppin, Mirta Castro, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Kathleen Flaherty, Greg Tanti and Max Ward
(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

Rosters for weekend 30 Sept/1 October

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Christine Jones	Children's Mass	Michael Pols
P2	Denis Jones	Children's Mass	Yvonne Bennett
W	Annabelle Fernandes	Children's Mass	Thomas Harry
HC	Kevin Barry	Rhea Thomas	Dave van Heerde
	Christine Challis	Danielle Greig	Maria Thomas
Children's Liturgy			
Music	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am	5:30pm

The Voice Referendum

On 14 October 2023, all Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Over the past months, many community leaders and leaders of organisations have put forward cases for and against this proposed alteration to our constitution.

We will be asked the question: 'A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?'

Throughout September, I am asking all Parishes and Communities to prayerfully reflect on this upcoming referendum. I encourage all Catholics to consider this important issue and inform themselves from reliable sources such as: voice.gov.au, www.catholic.au or www.indigenousvoice.church, or

Please pray the prayer for 'The Voice' regularly in your Parishes and families in the lead up to the referendum. The Frequently Asked Questions flyer, produced by the Justice, Healing and Inclusion Team may address questions you have about the referendum. It is an excellent resource which draws on information from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC).

In Domino,
+Patrick O'Regan

Archbishop of Adelaide

Please take a handout and the prayer card about the Voice from the foyer of all churches in our Parish.

**CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
NEXT SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER AT 9:00AM.**

WHAT'S ON

- Mon 25 September Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
- Tues 26 September Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
- Wed 27 September Mass at 9:15am - SCC
Craft Group 10:00am
Mass at St John's at 12:00pm
Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
- Thurs 28 September Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Prayer Group 10:00am
Benediction at 12:30pm
Rosary at 6.45pm - St Luke's
RCIA at 7-9pm
- Fri 29 September Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's
Mass 10:00am - St Luke's
- Sat 30 September Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
- Sun 1 October 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Children's Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass at 10:45am - SCC
Spanish Mass at 11:00am
Rosary at 5:00pm - St Luke's
Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

**Charis SA Invites you
TO DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU JN 2:5
DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD
With Fr Selva Raj**

When: Saturday, 14th October, 10:30am - 2:00pm
Where: St Peter Claver Church
8 Stuart Road, Dulwich

Coffee and tea provided: Bring your own lunch
Including Teaching, Mass and Adoration.
Donations are appreciated. For more information, ring
0407 060 715
All are welcome!

**St Vincent de Paul
BBQ Lunch and Auction**



Address: Noarlunga Uniting Church
23 William Rd Christies Beach
Date: Sunday, 22nd October
Time: 12:30pm
Tickets: \$10.00
Tea/Coffee Supplied BYO drink

The Prayer Meeting Group is putting on a movie called "The Jesus Revolution" on Thursday, 28th September at 10:00am.

If you are interested to attend, please ring Theresa on 0401 293 194 or Angie on 8382 7257.
All are welcome!

CHILD PROTECTION



Children who cannot be looked after by their own family must be looked after properly by people who respect their religion, culture and language.

Please collect your new set of
Planned Giving Envelopes from the information desk.

If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Church Office.

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 21/09/23)
COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

- 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

LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.



Help each other through

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

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At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD

"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff that cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job

and leave you to eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble. GPBS eNews

KIDS' CORNER

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55: 8)
"I wish Franklin understood why he has to go to the vet," Jacob says as he sits with his dog in the waiting room. "Well, he needs his shots to stay healthy," Jacob's mum says. "And he'll get a tasty-treat too". Jacob looks at Franklin again. "I know that, but Franklin doesn't," he says. It's a little bit like that with God and us. When things happen that we don't understand, God longs to tell us how much God loves us and that there's a good reason for everything. GPBS

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(25 September - 1 October)

- **Monday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 29:** Sts Michael Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Saturday, 30:** St Jerome (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 1:** 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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.