



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THIRTY-SECOND 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)*

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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;  
in an emergency 0452 524 169;  
[jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))

#### • ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
(8382 1717; [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

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 - 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

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-8*

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord  
my God.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mt 24:42, 44*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready: you know not  
when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the

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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 Co-ordinator:**  
Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579  
gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

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Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

**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 Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**  
For weekend 18/19 November  
Cleaning: Paddy Lamb  
Vacuuming:

**Finances : October**  
For weekend 4/5 November  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$875.00  
Support for Archdiocesan Priests  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1,347.00  
(26 envelopes)

Open Plate \$558.00  
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.**



**DEDICATION OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH  
41<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Saturday 18 November**

**Mass at 6:00pm followed by a cup of tea and cake.**

Remembrance Day is annually observed on November 11 and is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.



**OUR GIVING TREE - LET'S "PLAY TAG"**

St Vincent de Paul is under a mammoth strain at this time of the year, helping those less fortunate than ourselves to have a happy Christmas. Let's "PLAY TAG" and empty all the tags off the Giving Tree.

**\*\*\*Please note that all gifts need to be returned by 16/17 December.\*\*\***

**2024 Calendars \$8 Christmas Cards \$5  
available after all Masses.**

Anyone requiring a food hamper for Christmas please contact St Vinnies 1300 729 202 and leave your details.

St Luke's Music Ministry Team Presents

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Sunday, 9 December 2023**

Cardijn College Amphitheatre

(Entry via St Luke's carpark, Honeypot Rd)



Carols start at 7:00pm. Entry is by donation.

BYO food, drink, rug, cushion or chair (if raining on the day, please bring chairs only), and your voices!

Join the St Luke's Church Music Ministry groups and friends for a joyful night of Christmas carolling and good cheer!

Funds raised on the night will go towards a new much-needed sound system at St Luke's.  
**Hope to see you there!**



**THE FOLK GROUP**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**

The **Folk Group Choir** is turning 40! Please join us to celebrate four decades of joyful music ministry and community.

All former members are more than welcome to join with the singing or playing an instrument at Mass.

Please contact Phil Moore to enquire + RSVP for lunch on 0415 772 765 at email [filb82@gmail.com](mailto:filb82@gmail.com).

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING  
Sunday, 26 November**

**9:00am Mass at St Luke's  
followed by a cuppa and fellowship  
with the Parish**

**12noon Lunch  
for all current and former FG members  
and their families**

**ADELAIDE YOUTH**

*Christmas*  
**PARTY**

15 December, 2023 at 6:30pm  
Croydon Park Parish Hall  
Corner of Liberton Ave & Tungara Ave

For ages 12-35  
\$15 per ticket

See poster for more details.

**SOLEMNITIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

**DEDICATION OF ST LUKE'S** - Saturday, 18 November; Mass at 6:00pm  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Friday, 8 December; Mass at 7:30pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9:00AM TO 10:30PM**

**Pray for the healing of:** Cate Lavelle, Peter Jacques, Raymond Peppin, Barney Manning, Shelley Heard, Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau



**Deceased:**  
**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Chernikov  
 (Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

**Roster for weekend 18/19 November**

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
<b>P1</b>	Brenda Byrne	Michael Pols	Paul Knobloch
<b>P2</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Salvador Vega	Wade Champion
<b>W</b>	Annabelle Fernandes	Espi Tilbrook	Gabrielle Byrne
<b>HC</b>	Denis Jones	Raylee Crane	Sheralee van Heerde
	Christine Jones	David Crane	Theresa Tanti
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Joanna and Megan	
<b>Music</b>	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am	5:30pm



**25.11.2023**

| 9.30AM-4.30PM | ST LUKE'S NOARLUNGA  
 | COST \$40 | FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED  
 FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES, 12 & UP  
 USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK & FOR MORE INFO



**Sunday Night Dinner will be served after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday 19 November.**

The Parish is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help out in the **Nursing Homes** and in the **Children's Liturgy**. If you are interested, kindly contact the parish office on 8382 1717.



**CHILD PROTECTION**

Children who are looked after by their local authority rather than their parents should have their situation reviewed regularly.

**CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM  
 NEXT MASS WILL BE 3 DECEMBER.**

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon 13 November Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
 Tues 14 November Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
 PPC Meeting at 6:30pm  
 Wed 15 November Mass at 9:15am - SCC  
 Craft Group at 10:00am  
 Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's  
 Thurs 16 November Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
 Prayer Group 10:00am  
 Year 11 Closing Mass at 11:00am  
 Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's  
 RCIA at 7:00pm  
 Fri 17 November Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's  
 Mass 10.00am - St Luke's  
 Sat 18 November Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's  
 Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's  
 Sun 19 November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
 Mass at 10:45am - SCC  
 Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**



A training session will be held in St Luke's Church on Sunday, 19 November from 4:00-5:15pm.  
 Thank you parents for supporting your children in joining this ministry.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** will commence at St Luke's in February 2024.

If you would like your child to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 to register or for more information.

**MEMORIAL BOOK**



Please feel free to write the names of any departed loved ones or friends in the St Luke's Memorial Book which is on the Information Counter.

**Volunteer Cleaners Needed**



If you are able to spare a little time during the next eight weeks to either

- Vacuum the church
- Wash the meeting room and foyer floors
- Clean/polish the brass on windows and doors

Please add your name and contact details to the roster on the front desk. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.

**For parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, kindly wait until all the other parishioners have received Holy Communion in the hand.**

**Holy Communion on the tongue will be distributed by the priest. Please consume the host immediately.**

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 09/11/23)



- 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.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.



In November we pray for all who have died.

May they rest in peace.

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sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

### KEEPING VIGIL

(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepare for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In

some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"? *GPBS eNews*

### KIDS' CORNER

Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is watching. It's doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing. That's not always easy. But God sees everything. God sees when we act with integrity and when we could do better. God isn't watching just so God can catch us slipping up. God really wants us to live with integrity. And God wants to help us, especially when it's hard.

Loving God, please help me live with integrity all of my life. Amen.

*GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 17 November)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 2:23- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 6:11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-61; Mt 25:14-30)

### 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.