



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)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian (8382 1717;
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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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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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 Associate:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Child Safe Contact Person:

Nicoline Henderson

0404 297 930

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 Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

For weekend 4/5 Dec:

Cleaning: Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

**Church cleaners urgently needed
please contact parish office 8382 1717
if you can help**

Finances 20/21 Nov

1st Collection \$608

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$553 (34 envelopes)

Open Plate \$488

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be 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:

4 Dec Advent Journey

**Advent booklets are available
in the Foyer.**

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 unless a mask is worn covering both nose and mouth.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

This First Sunday of Advent begins the season of deep reflection and 'waiting'.

Luke invites us to be spiritually alert to what is going on around us. This alertness is not about physical wakefulness but a spiritual sensitivity in which we open our hearts to the presence of God revealed to us in the Risen One.

Advent is a time of prayer. Luke invited us to personal asceticism and 'waiting' on God's coming. God is always and everywhere. The eyes of our hearts need this prayerful awakening called for in the Gospel to experience God's presence and care of us, those we are concerned about and the natural world in which we live. We now enter a sacred time.

ADVENT JOURNEY

SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

Guest Speaker & Celebrant—Fr Josy Sebastian

Saturday 4 December— 10.30—3.30pm

St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich

Coffee and Tea provided: please bring your own lunch.

Your donation appreciated

Register: 0407 060715



We welcome

Tobias Van Dongen

Grace Lim

Ocean May

who were baptized into our faith community this month.
We wish them and their families God's richest blessings.

VOLUNTEERS' BRUNCH

Friday 10 December, 10.30am-12.30pm

We are having a brunch for volunteers to say thank you for your support of the Parish this year. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend as numbers may be limited.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—Saturday 11 December, 7.30am-9.00am.

**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, Heather D'Cruz, Jack Vaughan, Pat Vaughan, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Angela Young, David Healey, John Mancini, Mick Wood, Sally McPhail, Pauline Wheeldon, Gentile Monardo, Mark Peppin, Jim Byrne, Michele Tanielli, Grace Mogg, Yvette & Bobby Zaric, Michelle Smith, Mary Bikaunieics



Deceased: Marie Ward

Anniversaries:

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 4/5 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Paul Knobloch	John Van Der Linden
Proclaimer 2	Annabelle Fernandez	Beverley Ellis
Welcomer	Brenda Byrne	Espi Tilbrook
Music Roster:		

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 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.

In the wonderful tradition of our Giving Tree, we are again, this year, hopeful of being able to contribute enough gifts so that every family Vinnies assists can be given the gifts they need for their children's Christmas.



Let's "PLAY TAG" and empty all the tags off the Giving Tree.

Gifts need to be returned by 11/12 December.

**2022 Calendars \$8 Christmas Cards \$5
are available after all Masses.**

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

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

St Luke's Church is in desperate need of volunteers to fill the roles of Welcomers and Readers at all Masses.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Parish Office on 83821717.

If you, or a member of the Parish, is ill at home or in hospital and would like a priest to visit, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 and a visit will be organized.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Nov 29	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Nov 30	Feast of St Andrew Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's St John's Mass—Communion Service 9.15am
Wed	Dec 1	Mass SCC—9.15am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Dec 2	Mass & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9am Prayer Meeting 10am Benediction St Luke's—12.30pm Rosary St Luke's—6.45pm
Fri	Dec 3	Feast of St Francis Xavier Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am
Sat	Dec 4	Reconciliation St Luke's 9.00am Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Dec 5	Second Sunday of Advent Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

SUNDAY NIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS DINNER



**Sunday 5 December—\$10 per head
Bookings essential:
Sue—0421 173358
Gabrielle—0422 804579
Parish Office—8382 1717**

CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS 8 DECEMBER

As there will be no 7.30pm Parish Mass on Wednesday 8 December, parishioners are welcome to attend the St John's Graduation Mass at 7.00pm at St Luke's.

SCC NEWS

SINCERE THANKS to all in the Seaford Catholic community for your donations to the SCC/SEM Christmas Hamper Appeal which will provide some Christmas spirit to fifty needy families in the local community.

ECUMENICAL RECONCILIATION TAIZE SERVICE. SCC/SEM is hosting this on Thursday December 16 at 1.30 pm, followed by a cuppa.



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.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 23 November, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- 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.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- 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.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

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When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

THE ADVENT OF A NEW YEAR

I was terrified to start my first year of high school. While I was excited about the prospect of learning, I was afraid to go forward alone. My classmates from primary school were attending a different high school. I wasn't sure I would how I'd make it without the friends I had been with since kindergarten. I was sure my first day of high school would be the end of me.

As the summer holidays wound up, my mum encouraged me to check out a flyer from the soccer team about tryouts. I was a tough defender in other sports, so I figured I'd probably do well in the soccer team about the goal posts. My mum rearranged her schedule so that she could drive me to tryouts and then for practice after I made the team. I spent two weeks running drills with the team before school started. I got to know my teammates and found that a few of us shared the same classes. By the first day of high school, I had a few friends - and even some sports cred.

While it was tough to arrive at the end of what I had known for most of my life, it was also necessary for the great new adventure to begin. And people like my mum would be with me, giving me strength and encouragement - and car rides - all along the way.

As we start this first week of Advent, we remember that we go forth not alone but with our faith community. In this season of hope, we can trust that together we will find strength and encouragement for whatever

adventures and challenges lie ahead.

Proclaim the coming of Christ! We believe wholeheartedly that evil will be crushed. Act justly with compassion. We will, even if it costs us dear. Give with generosity of all your diverse gifts. We will look hopefully with the disheartened and depressed. Look beyond your present horizons to a yet more glorious shore. God is with us, in time and beyond time. *GPBS eNews*

PROMISES, PROMISES

When we read end-of-the-world passages in Scripture, we usually focus on destruction unleashed on the unsuspecting world. “Apocalypse now” sounds really scary - and it's supposed to. But not to us believers. Be not afraid is one of the most oft-repeated pieces of advice in the New Testament. If you're with Jesus, there's nothing to fear, even when the boat is rocking in a violent storm.

Fearful living is not faithful living. For believers there's no disaster large enough to be bigger than God's sovereignty. And though at first glance it seems strange to begin Advent and the new church year on such a note, on further examination it is the perfect place to start. We know we're not really waiting the coming of the Christ child but rather the coming of Christ the King. Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(November 29 - 05 December)

- **Monday, 29:** Monday, 1st week of Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Wednesday, 01:** Wednesday, 1st week of Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 02:** Thursday, 1st week of Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 04:** Saturday, 1st week of Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 05:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)

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).