



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

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)

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 leave)

• 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



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.

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

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SOLEMNITIES

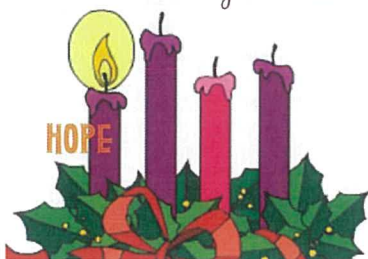
in DECEMBER 2024

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

The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday, 25 December

DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent



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

Roster for weekend 7/8 December

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 9:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
P	Fr Joash	Fr Julius	Fr Dominick	Fr Julius
P1	Denis Jones	Salvador Vega	Yvonne Bennett	TBA
P2	Annabelle Fernandes	Soraya Ramirez	Wade Champion	TBA
W	Christine Jones	Erika Badics	Gabrielle Byrne	TBA
HC	Kevin Barry	Danielle Greig	Theresa Tanti	TBA
	Anton Crane	Maria Nolan	Dave van Heerde	
Children's Liturgy				Dolores McCluskey
Music	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm	

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 14/15 December*****

2025 Calendars \$12

Christmas Cards \$6

available after all Masses.



Blessing of Nativity Cribs
Gaudete / 3rd Sunday of
Advent

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their Nativity cribs/set to St Luke's for a special blessing at all weekend Masses from 14-15 December.

Church Cleaning

For weekend 7/8 December
Cleaning: Pat Harrington and
Sally Standfield
Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

Finances : November

For weekend 23/24 November
1st Collection \$859.00
Support for Archdiocesan Priests
2nd Collection \$447.00 (27 envelopes)
Open Plate \$617.00

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST LUKE'S AND SCC

Christmas Vigil - Family Mass

6:00pm Mass at St Luke's

7:30pm Mass at SCC

Midnight Mass

11:30pm Carols, 12:00am Mass

Christmas Day - 9:00am Mass at St Luke's

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Tuesday, 17 December

We Remember, We Reflect, We Pray

7:00pm - Liturgy and Sacrament of Reconciliation



Christmas Eve Family Mass - Invitation to Children

The Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at St Luke's is a child-focused family celebration of the Birth of Jesus. All primary school-aged children are invited to participate in acting out the Nativity during the Gospel.

We need **Angels, Shepherds, Innkeepers and Wise Men** to help Mary and Joseph announce the wonderful news that Jesus has been born!

A rehearsal date and time will be advised shortly.

All children are encouraged and welcome!



**Congratulations and God's Blessings to all who are
celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in December.**



Pray for the healing of: David Macey, Stephen Porter, Jade Robusti, Steve, Rebecca Dawson, Lili Ware, Sue Moore, Terry Byrne, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Cate Lavelle, Astrid Houareau



Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM will commence in early 2025 at St Luke's.

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

CRAFT RAFFLE

CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On sale after the weekend Masses on **weekends 30 Nov/1 Dec and 7/8 Dec**

*** Please Note: Bring Cash only***



Crafty News!

The last day that the Craft Group will meet this year

is Wednesday 11th December. Craft will resume on Wednesday 29th January 2025.



“ME” TIME: Most people are so busy looking after others in one way or another that they forget to look after themselves. Even those who live alone are often supporting friends or extended family or volunteering their services for others. Some “Me” time in our lives is so important! Our mental health will love it and our physical and social life will thrive.

AND

we know just the place to spend some “Me” time -

Join the Craft Group!

Not only will you meet some lovely “crafties”, but you can learn new skills or teach someone else the skill you have. Do you Know, The Craft Group is not just for women? Men are so welcome to come along and discover their inner talents or share a talent they enjoy.

Anyone interested can contact Gaby on 0450 761 012 or Lily on 0439 743 337.

Please, DO think about it.

CHILD PROTECTION



Education have the right to think and believe what they want and to practice their religion as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER AT 9:00AM AND 5:30PM.

NEXT MASS WILL BE ON 5 JANUARY.

WHAT'S ON

Mon 2 Dec	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues 3 Dec	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Liturgy Meeting at 7:30pm
Wed 4 Dec	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Craft Group at 10:00am Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs 5 Dec	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Meeting at 10:00am Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm
Fri 6 Dec	Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass at 10:00am - St Luke's
Sat 7 Dec	Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's Baptism at 10:00am Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun 8 Dec	2 nd Sunday of Advent Year C Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Filipino Mass at 2:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's



Seaford Christian Churches
611 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)

SCC NEWS

- **Advent Reflection Group:** commenced Wednesday 27th November 27th and will continue to meet on December 4th, 11th & 18th at 10.30am in the Baptistry.
- **The World Community of Christian Meditation (WCCM):** Saturday 9am in the Meeting Room at SCC.
- **Meditation for Peace:** Saturday at 10am, in the Wirra; please bring a chair.
- **SCC Town Square Café:** open 10-1pm Tues-Friday. Serving nutritious low cost meals and snacks.
- **Food Parcels:** Thank you for your generosity as we continue to provide nutritious food parcels for those in need.

Another Pair of hands Needed

Our Parish Office is a very busy place, especially on Thursdays. If you could spare some time on a Thursday to help by answering the phone and doing simple little odd jobs. (Computer skills would be an advantage.)

Phone the parish office or call in if you could help out by volunteering from

10:am till 2:30pm Thursdays

PRAYER GROUP

Prayer group meet each Thursday from 10:00am to 12 noon + lunch. Contacts: Theresa 0401 293 194/Angie 8382 7257

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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?

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future

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dimension of 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 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 in order 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.

PROMISES, PROMISES

(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

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.

Some may die of fright when disaster strikes, whether it's apocalyptic or a mere crisis of modern living. We all know people who die a thousand deaths when the bank account is overdrawn. 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 (remember, last Sunday?) Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear.

KIDS' CORNER

When we're faced with a difficult choice, it would be easier if there were big arrow signs reading: GOD'S WAY. But God's way can't be found on a map. They are found in God's Word, in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. How do we tune in? Prayer. Spend quiet time with God each day, and you will come to know what God wants for you and from you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 02 - 08)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday, 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** 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 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.