



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 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

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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• ASSISTANT PRIEST

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

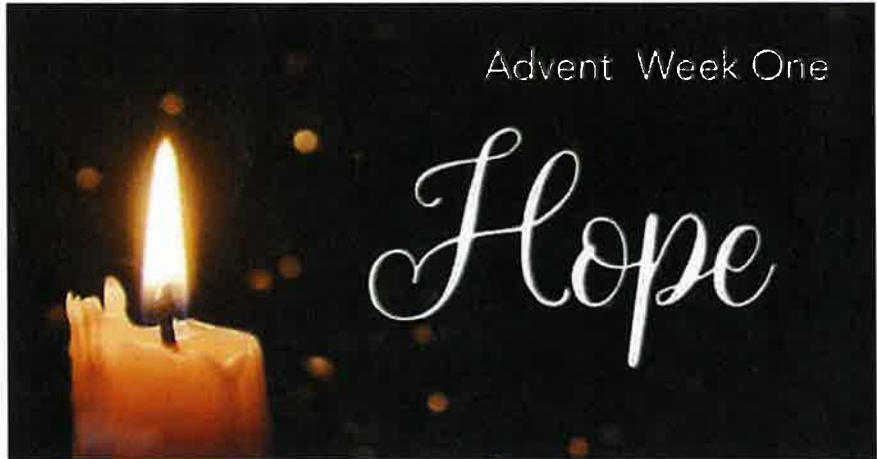
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

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 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each

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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:
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Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:
Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:
Margaret Burns

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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
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Marian — Ms Danielle Greig
Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000
Marcellin— Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning
For weekend 9/10 December
Cleaning: Paddy Lamb
Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

Finances : November
For weekend 25/26 November
1st Collection \$1,030.00
Support for Archdiocesan Priests
2nd Collection \$348.00 (24 envelopes)
Open Plate \$671.00

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.

Nativity Crib Competition

For a bit of festive family fun, St Luke's Liturgy Group is holding a "Best Crib" Competition! Whichever way you display the First Christmas in your home, we want to see them and share them with the community! To participate, please provide your name and contact details to the Parish Office on 8382 1717 or email nswcp@tpg.com.au. Registrations close 27 December.

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 16-17 December.



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

Saturday, 9 December 2023

Cardijn College Amphitheatre

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



Carols start at 7:15pm. Admission by donation.

BYO food, drink, rug, candle/light, 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!

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST LUKE'S AND SCC

Christmas Vigil - Family Mass

7:30pm Mass at St Luke's
6:00pm Mass at SCC

Midnight Mass

11:30pm Carols, 12:00am Mass

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION - We Remember, We Reflect, We Pray

Tuesday, 19 December

5:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm - Liturgy and Sacrament of Reconciliation



SOLEMNITY FOR DECEMBER

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: Connie Anderson, Cate Lavelle, Peter Jacques, Raymond Peppin, Barney Manning, Shelley Heard, Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau



Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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

Roster for weekend 9/10 December

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Annabelle Fernandes	Salvador Vega	Paul Knobloch
P2	Christine Jones	Michael Pols	Yvonne Bennett
W	Denis Jones	Espi Tilbrook	Theresa tanti
HC	Kevin Barry	Angeline D'Cruz	Garielle Byrne
	Christine Jones	Raylee Crane	Theresa Tanti
Children's Liturgy		Jayne and Kathryn	
Music	6:00pm Sandiwa	9:00am	5:30pm

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 is planned for 10:00am on Tuesday, 21 December at St Luke's.

All kids are encouraged and welcome!



CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On sale after the weekend Masses on W/E 9/10 and W/E 16/17

SUNDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER

17 December - \$10 per head
Bookings are essential
Ring Sue on 0421 173 358



Advent 2023 Reflection Booklet

If you would like a copy, they are available for collection at the Information desk at the Church foyer.



CHILD PROTECTION

Government should provide ways of protecting children from dangerous drugs.

CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER AT 9:00AM

WHAT'S ON

Mon	4 December	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues	5 December	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Liturgy Meeting at 7:30pm
Wed	6 December	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Craft Group at 10:00am Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs	7 December	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Group 10:00am Benediction at 10:30am Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm
Fri	8 December	Year 7-9 End of Year Mass at 9:00am Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass 10.00am -St Luke's
Sat	9 December	Reconciliation at 9:00am -St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun	10 December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Year B Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Filipino Mass at 2:00pm Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

Volunteers for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers are needed over the Christmas/New Year period.

If you are available, please write your name down on the sheets on the information desk. Thank you.

Seaford News:

**Catholic Community Christmas Lunch
SCC (SEM) CAFE 14th December at 12:15pm**



Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, choice of dessert.

Raffle Tickets \$15 pp on sale at SCC cafe 9am-2pm Tuesday - Friday

Book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

**SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

As Christmas approaches, we would once again like to reach out to the wider community through local schools and health services. We would like to bring a little unexpected joy to some who for various reasons are experiencing hardships, sadness etc.

If you would like to make a financial contribution please place your money in a sealed envelope, marked "SCC Christmas Appeal". If you would like a receipt please put your name and congregation on the back of the envelope. and hand to Christine McNicol, Agnes George, Libby Green SCC Office.

(PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY IN PIGEON HOLE)

Thank you for your continuing support. - Jan Hicks

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 31/11/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December.

This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes.

It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century.

It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

‘Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ’s coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time’ (General Norms of the Liturgical Year)

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with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ’s birth. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to centre our thoughts on hope.

SLOW DOWN, YOU’RE MOVING TOO FAST

“So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don’t want anyone showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I’m saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch!” (Mark 13:35-37)

Like so many others before and after me, when I was in university I discovered the power of caffeine. I could stay up all night and prepare for an exam. With my photographic memory it was just a matter of going over the material enough times to imprint it in my brain. The combination of NoDoz and strong espresso did the trick for a factual kind of exam. But, if the test meant using my cognitive abilities or writing an essay, I was in trouble. My mind would race too quickly for me to sort things out. It would have been easier to have rested before those exams.

Advent begins with the encouragement to stay awake and be ready for the coming of our saviour. There are no short cuts or artificial ways to do this. And we have only four weeks (actually three this year!) to prepare ourselves. It’s a short period of time, especially when we are ironically so

busy with all the preparations for what we are trying to celebrate.

So what are we to do? We need to take the time to remember why we have all these traditions: the tree, ornaments, presents, parties – all of this must be put in their context. We can either walk through them like we are asleep, or become frantic and overstimulated by it all. Or we can make the conscious choice as Advent begins to pray and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us and to our world and how we can make the presence of Jesus more real for ourselves, our loved ones, and people of good will. Today we have the time. But we know how quickly this time will pass.

Go from here, as people ready to follow God’s way:

- We are ready to welcome a faithful change in our daily routine.
- We are ready to see local families reflected in the image of the struggling holy family.
- We are ready to say, “It can be done”.
- We are ready to overcome prejudice with acceptance.
- We are ready to live as if the coming few days were the biblical last days.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(4 - 10 December)

- **Monday, 4:** Monday of 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 7:** St Ambrose (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 8:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Saturday, 9:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 10:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)

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.