



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)

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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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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian (8382 1717;
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• ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
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• PARISH MANAGER/ NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
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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

• 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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come
to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do
not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you, he
will renew you by his love; he will
dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for
among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is
your happiness. Let your tolerance be
evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there
is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he
sent me to bring Good News to the
poor. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John,
'What must we do?' he answered, 'If
anyone has two tunics he must share
with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the
same.' There were tax collectors too
who came for baptism, and these said
to him, 'Master, what must we do?'
He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
their turn, 'What must we do?' He
said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown
among the people, who were
beginning to think that John might be
the Christ, so John declared before
them all, 'I baptise you with water,
but someone is coming, someone who
is more powerful than I am, and I am
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that
will never go out.' As well as this,
there were many other things he said
to exhort the people and to announce
the Good News to them.

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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 18 19 Dec:

Cleaning: Adeline & Mark
McLoughlin

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

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

Finances 4 5 Dec

1st Collection \$759

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$551 (32 envelopes)

Open Plate \$515

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
10.00am—3.00pm on
Tuesday—Friday until 23 December.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will close at 1.00pm on
Friday 24 December and reopen on
10.00am Tuesday 18 January. There will
be no newsletter during this time.
Newsletters will resume on the weekend
of 22/23 January.

For any emergencies please contact
Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or
Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"



What then should we do? The people's question should be ours, too. The answer of John the Baptist is very realistic and down to earth. He does not tell people to undertake lavish projects or build monuments. He admonishes his listeners to be honest and lead good lives. He puts emphasis on practical self-giving through sharing.

What does the answer of John tell us? We are to be content with what is sufficient. Let there be moderation in our desires and needs, no accumulation of unnecessary material things. Let authority and power be used justly—no abuse of position, no bribery, no corruption, no cheating, no abusive treatment of people.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Craft Group are having a Christmas Raffle.

Tickets \$1 sold at Masses on this weekend.

Drawn 15 December

Thank you for your support.



We welcome

Finn Kotsiuba

&

Melanie Fregolente

who are being baptized into our faith community this month.

We wish them and their families God's richest blessings.

Advent booklets are available in the Foyer.

**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, Jim Byrne, Michele Tanielli, Grace Mogg, Yvette & Bobby Zaric, Michelle Smith, Mary Bikaunieics, Astrid Houareau



Deceased: Gloria Rehn

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 18/19 December

6.00pm **9.00am**

Proclaimer 1 Mary Kralj Angeline D'Cruz

Proclaimer 2 Adele Revina Tony Chaina

Welcomer Annabelle Fernandez Gabby Connelly

Music Roster:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OUR GIVING TREE



*****Please note that all gifts need to be returned by Monday 13 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Friday 24 December



St Luke's - 7.30pm

Carols - 11.20pm

Midnight

SCC - 6.00pm

Christmas Day—Saturday 25 December

St Luke's - 9.00am

New Year's Day Saturday 1 January

St Luke's - 9.00am

WHAT'S ON

- Mon Dec 13 Feast of St Lucy
Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
- Tues Dec 14 Feast of St John of the Cross
Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
2nd Rite Reconciliation 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Wed Dec 15 Mass SCC—9.15am
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs Dec 16 Mass St Luke's—9am
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Benediction 12.30pm
Rosary St Luke's—6.45pm
- Fri Dec 17 Rosary St Luke's—9.30am
Mass St Luke's—10.00am
- Sat Dec 18 Reconciliation St Luke's 9.00am
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
- Sun Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's
Mass at 10.45am—SCC

**2ND FORM OF THE RITE OF
RECONCILIATION
Tuesday 14 December
St Luke's—7.30pm**

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

If you are available to be a Reader or Welcomer over the Christmas/New Year period please write your name on the sheets on the information desk. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

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

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

SCC NEWS

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 07 December, 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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LESSONS IN JOY

No doubt about it: John the Baptist was an amazing, impressive, charismatic figure in his generation. Yet he did everything in his power to direct the attention away from himself and toward the One yet to come. His teaching, even his baptising, was mere preparation for the Christ. John knew he was a big player in a cosmic story.

Being human, we often fail to look past the messenger to the message. How many of us have become unglued when our favourite pastor or principal is transferred, when an admired spiritual leader falls from grace, when a hero we've followed across the years dies or disappears from view. We may find we've pinned our faith to the wrong source, settling for the herald instead of the heralded. Human beings will always disappoint, but God never does.

If our joy is to be complete, we can't fasten it to anything material. Rust sets in and moths destroy, but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If lasting joy is what we want, we have to find it in the One whose life and love endures.

Who or what is the source of your joy? People of Gaudete share their joy in acts of kindness. Recall a kindness you may have withheld. There's still time to offer it. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

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FIERY TEARS

It isn't what John the Baptist meant, but the term "baptism of fire" came into military parlance to refer to a soldier's first time in battle and later to anyone who is tested in a new role.

My friend Stephen dropped the phrase in conversation recently while talking about his own war stories. He is a disabled veteran who struggles mightily with pain from injuries sustained while serving hundreds of missions in mostly Iraq and Afghanistan. He's in his 30s, a single dad raising a young daughter on his own, but despite his challenges, he manages to volunteer in the community, which is how I know him. He and I often talk about political

issues, and I asked him about his views on the fall of Afghanistan. He's usually very opinionated, but he just shook his head and his eyes welled up with tears. I wanted to hug him, but as COVID-careful as he is because of his fragile health, I didn't. "What should I do?" I thought. I don't know if it was the right thing, but I nodded and held him in spirit with my silent attention and my own watery eyes and hopes that could quench a tiny bit of what he felt.

The Commissioning: Time for a change! We will speak out when we find injustice! Time for a change! We will work carefully to nurture community! Time for a change! We will face loss with gentleness, and reality! Time for a change! We will forgive the deepest hurts gradually! Time for a change! We will prepare for the coming of Christ thoroughly!

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves.
- The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 13 - 19)

- **Monday, 13:** St Lucy, (Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27)
- **Tuesday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 3rd week Advent (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday, 3rd week Advent (Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 3rd week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Saturday, 19:** Saturday, 3rd week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Sunday 20:** FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44)

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).