



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - 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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## 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



*(These readings are those for during the morning on Christmas Day)*

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 97:1-6*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

## SECOND READING

*Heb 1:1-6*

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his

Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A holy day has dawned upon us.*

*Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Jn 1 1-18*

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

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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 Coordinator:**

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

Acting Principal - Mr Patrick Harmer

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Mr Wade Champion

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**

**8 Jan:**

Cleaning: Lyn Finkers

Vacuuuming:

**Finances 17/18 Dec :**

1st Collection \$968

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$461 (32 envelopes)

Open Plate \$825

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

10.00am—3.00pm

Tuesday—Friday 23 Dec

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The office will close at 1.00pm on

Friday 23 December and reopen at

10.00am on Tuesday 24 January.

Newsletters will resume on the weekend  
of 21/22 January.

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock 0417 801 241.

**Noticeboard:**

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

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

*We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have  
contributed to the upkeep and well being of our Parish  
Community during 2022.*

*We wish you blessings and refreshment at Christmas time  
and as we welcome in the gift of the New Year.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL  
CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry  
(ACM) and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised from the  
Christmas Day Appeal helps fund activities that bring the community  
together and provide vital healing and learning opportunities to  
strengthen cultural and spiritual connections. Located at Stepney, the  
Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
and the wider community for more than 30 years.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**2023 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.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
CANCELLED 22 DECEMBER—  
WILL RECOMMENCE 29 DECEMBER**

**Pray for the healing of:** Angela Young, Catherine Kelley, Alex MacDonald, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Joan Lavender, John Stanley, Gene Field, Pauline Gilbert, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Astrid Houareau, David Healey, Noorline Zerah, Damian Mihalovic, Cate Lavelle, Alison Pyne, Sue King



**Deceased: Daniel Maddoc**

**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).

### READERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

If you are available to be a Reader or Welcomer from Christmas weekend till 29 January please write your name on the sheets on the information desk. Thank you.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE—ST LUKE'S  
ADORATION WILL COMMENCE AT 11.00PM  
FOLLOWED BY  
MIDNIGHT MASS**

### WOULD THIS SUIT YOU?

We are looking for energetic superstars who smile all day long and love generating fun.

Sounds like you?

Onkaparinga Lodge Residential Aged Care at Huntfield Heights is looking for a Volunteer Cafe Assistant.

If you are an up and coming barista or a novice, we are looking for you!

We are also looking for volunteers to offer companionship and



social support to residents at risk of social isolation.

We are seeking volunteers for week days only.

You could choose to volunteer on a day and time that suits you. For more information please contact

Isobel Harris,  
Wellness and Lifestyle Coordinator  
Onkaparinga Lodge  
PH 0478 301 893

### POLISH SPEAKING PERSON

A Volunteer is needed to visit a lady in a nursing home. If you are able to help please contact Gabrielle in the Parish Office.

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	26 Dec	Feast of St Steven Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	27 Dec	Feast of St John Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	28 Dec	Feast of The Holy Innocents Mass at 9.15am—SCC Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	29 Dec	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	30 Dec	Feast of The Holy Family Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	31 Dec	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's Adoration at 11.00am—St Luke's
Sun	1 Jan	Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Midnight Mass—St Luke's Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC



Cleaners are urgently needed at St Luke's for Church cleaning. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

### SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NEWS

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the SCC Christmas appeal. With the generous contributions of All Saints school and the SCC Community we have been able to bring some Christmas joy to 60 families in the local community in Seaford and beyond. We pray for God's blessing on all as you celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends.



**COMPLIANCE WITH  
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 22/12/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Caesar Augustus ruled the Roman Empire from 27 bc to ad 14. He was the great nephew of Julius Caesar.
- A Roman census was usually undertaken for purposes of taxation but also at times for other ends, such as conscription or forced labour.
- A problem of timing exists within this text. Most scholars agree that Jesus was born about 6BC in the reign of Herod the Great. However, Quirinius was not appointed as governor of Syria until about eleven years later. After his appointment, he did in fact supervise a census of the region.

**CHRISTMAS READINGS**

- **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
- **Night:** Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE  
FROM FR JOSY**

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem which is God's entry into human history giving up the splendor of heaven. In this 'mystery' and 'miracle' of the Incarnation God revealed the depths of his love for humankind. "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son so that whosoever believes in him may not

perish but may have eternal life" (John3:16). Though we are exchanging our "Merry Christmas" greetings, and carols fill the air telling us "this is the season to be jolly," Christmas provides something far greater than merriment, joviality, or an easy joy. Christmas points the way to something sober and enduring. To celebrate Christmas is not simply to recall a past event in a stable which we sweetly depicted on Christmas cards. To celebrate Christmas is to open ourselves to what is happening within us: in virtue of our baptism, Jesus continues to be born and grow to maturity in us. Our participation in the Incarnation, therefore, is a profound and all demanding fact of life to be patiently and courageously lived by each one of us in the varying and sometimes difficult, circumstances of life.

I would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a blessed and salvific Christmas! May Christ, who was born in a manger, for the salvation of the entire Human Race, grant you and your loved ones health and every blessing from above!

Fr Josy

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

(26 December - 01 January)

- **Monday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Tuesday, 27:** St John (Is 7:10-14; Jn 20:2-8:)
- **Wednesday, 28:** The Holy Innocents, (1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18)
- **Thursday, 29:** 5th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)
- **Friday, 30:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)
- **Saturday, 31:** 7th day in Octave of the Nativity (1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)
- **Sunday 01:** MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

**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.