



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)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER) - YEAR A

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Please ring and enquire - hours will be different to normal

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(Please submit newsletter items to the office by 11.30am each Wednesday)

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ANTIOCH YOUTH MINISTRY

For Antioch enquiries please ring the Parish Office (8382 1717)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away,

because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

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Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:

Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:

Margaret Burns

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Ms Sharon Doyle

St John the Apostle 8382 2064

Principal - Ms Dee-Anne Peters

All Saints 83270020

Principal - Mrs Liz Keogh

Cardijn College 8392 9500

Principal - Dr P Rijken

Pray for the healing of :

Maureen Munday, Angela Young, Mel Smith, Anton Sylvester, Marie MacLoughlin, Michelle Smith, Catherine Kelley, Mary Szantyr, Olive Murphy, Briege Hannon, John Cooper, Francesco Martinelli, Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Carlo Robusti, Pastor Mark Kaesler.

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).

EMERGENCIES

For urgent matters, please contact

Fr. Josy — 0452 524 169

Toni Fishlock — 0417 801 241

The Parish Office will be opened between 10.00am—12.00 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



During the Great Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy has also become a key theme in the teaching of Pope Francis, and he declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which ran from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. In the document announcing the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis explains the relationship between justice and mercy:

If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough, Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction.. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean

that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time. "For being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified" (Rom 10:3-4). God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.

FAREWELL FR. SELVA



Dear Father Selva,

We wish you all the best.
You're leaving Noarlunga/Seaford
To start another quest.
Your happy smiling nature
Has been so nice to share,
And you'll be well accepted
By people anywhere.
God bless you as you move on;
We send our prayers with you,
And wish you God's rich blessings
In all you want to do.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES

Live streaming of Masses from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The Archdiocese has commenced live streaming **daily Mass** at 12 pm and on Sundays at 10am from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Please let your communities know that it can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. It will also be available via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Other videos, including an Easter message from our new Archbishop-designate Patrick O'Regan, and online resources are available on the [Archdiocesan website](#), along with the **latest Coronavirus Protocols**.

PRAYER

DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

We kindly request all parishioners to return their Project Compassion boxes/envelopes to the office during Office Hours, Tuesday—Thursdays between 10.00 am –12.00 noon.

We thank you for your generosity and support.

Thank You

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COLLECTIONS

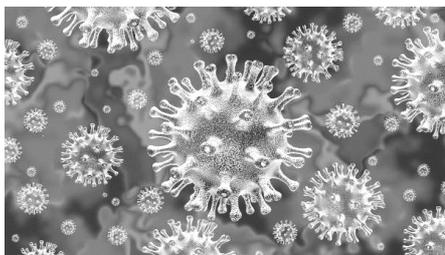
Direct Payments

1. Go to www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation and follow the prompts. If you wish to donate to both the first and second collections, you will need to do this twice. For the first collection select *First Collection* and for the second collection, select *General*.
2. If you bank online, you can set up periodic, direct payments yourself. Again, you will need to do this twice—once for the first collection and again for the second.
Acc: Noarlunga Seaford Parish
BSB: 085-005
Acc No: 489 753 939
Ref: Your surname, Initials and *First or General*
3. Periodic regular payments may also be organized with your bank. Take the account details (above) with you and bank staff can set it up for you.

NB: *First collection* is for the support of our Priests and *General* is for the support of our Parish.

For those who require a CDF form, please contact the office.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE



THERE WILL BE NO MASSES OR PUBLIC LITURGIES IN ANY OF OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE SEE THE NEWSLETTER
ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

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KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace



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NOARLUNGA

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SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,
Grand Bvd*



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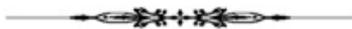
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VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St



WILLUNGA PARISH

(www.willungaparish.org.au)

ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street

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and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples, locked in their upper room and huddled in upon themselves, is transformed by the gift of peace that Jesus brings and his giving of the Spirit to strengthen them on their way. The doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Lord. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, now, too, the disciples are sent into the world to act as Jesus did. "The Summit"

BELIEVING IS SEEING

No one saw much potential in Billy. It's not that the staff at the orphanage thought badly about him; they just didn't think much about him at all. He seemed to feel comfortable floating beneath everyone's notice - not getting in trouble but not getting much attention either.

That continued until he moved into Sr Gertrude's room. Sr Gertrude was a no-nonsense nun, a woman who expected the same from everyone in her care - a lot! So, Billy couldn't hide anymore in a muddle of mediocrity. She started checking his homework every night. And correcting his manners. And having him report daily on his school projects and requiring that he try out for a sports team. Everyone thought she was wasting her time, but Sr Gertrude wasn't one to waste time - or lives.

Billy didn't become a famous millionaire or best-selling author or a well-known anything. But he did finish university, meet a nice girl, fall in love, marry, and raise a family. And maybe he would have done all that anyway, but in his own mind and heart, he regularly thanks Sr Gertrude for believing without seeing, that is, believing in him even before anyone could see the potential.

Family life often calls us to believe even before we can see - from the first time we hold our children on through the terrible twos, the turbulent teens, and beyond. Sometimes believing leads to seeing. *GPBS eNews*



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 26 April)

- **Monday, 20:** Monday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Tuesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Wednesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** ANZAC Day (Wis 3:1-9; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28)
- **Sunday 26:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

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).