



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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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10.00am - 12.00noon

### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

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#### • ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta  
(8382 1717)

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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 – SEM  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 55:1-3**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 144:8-9, 15-18**

*The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.*

### SECOND READING

**Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing

that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Mt 4:4**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' *(Continued page 4)*

**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

**Ministry to Sick:**

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

**Child Safe Contact Person:**

**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:**

Dr Paul Rijken

**Chairperson Liturgy Group:**

Margaret Burns

**Parish Schools and Colleges:**

Galilee Learning Centre 8557 9000  
Principal - Ms J Higgins and  
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

**Church Cleaning**

For weekend 8/9 August

Cleaning: Mary Ryan &  
Lyn Finkers

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

**Finances**

For weekend 25/26 July

1st Collection \$478

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$1116 (30 envelopes)

Open Plate \$378

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

**Noticeboard**

Aug 5 Calm & Confident Kids Seminar

Aug 7 Walk a Mile Challenge

The Parish Office is now open from  
10.00am—3.00pm on  
Tuesday—Friday



Dinner will be available  
after the Youth Mass next  
Sunday, 9 August.

**IMPORTANT RULES TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED**

**These are State Government Rules and are to be strictly followed at all times**

**A fine of \$5,000 will apply to the Parish for non compliance of these rules**

- Keep the 1.5 metre social distancing requirement at all times.
- Families from the same household are permitted to sit together.
- Choirs and other singing groups must be physically distanced as much as possible (because of increased droplet spread during these activities).
- Please record your name and contact number in the book provided in the foyer before entering the church.
- Use the hand sanitizer supplied on the table in the foyer.
- Collection bags are at the back of the church for envelopes, etc.

Please note that from Wednesday, July 29, the number of people allowed at funerals and weddings in South Australia is 100, provided your Mass Centre has the necessary capacity as per your COVID Safe Plan.

Other restrictions remain the same.

For your own safety and the safety of our community please be vigilant in following these arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2020**

**2-9 August**

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER REGARDING THE PANDEMIC**

The National Council of Churches in Australia is encouraging a special day of prayer on Sunday 2 August regarding the pandemic and have suggested the following prayer:

“Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence,  
we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic.

We pray for your strengthening of all those committed to offering leadership during  
this crisis.

We pray for all who are ill.

We pray for those anxious about getting ill.

We pray for those full of grief.

We remember those who have died.

Aware of our fragility, we pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can to  
end this pandemic.

Your compassionate, peaceful and creative response to many crises is our model,  
including in our Sunday Gospel (Mt . 14: 13-21).

As we worship in resurrection faith on Sunday August 2, we offer our heartfelt prayer  
in your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.”

**Pray for the healing of:** Pastor Mark Kaesler,  
Frank Martucci, Alex Barrow, Heather D'Cruz,  
Valerie Wallis



**Deceased:**

**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).

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**Rosters for weekend 8/9 August**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Proclaimer 1	Brenda Byrne	Mary Barrow
Proclaimer 2	Christine Challis	Mary Thomson
Welcomer	Margaret Mottram	Erica Badics
<b>Roster:</b>		
Projectionist	Nick	
Ministry		Shaun & Simone

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**COLLECTIONS**

As we are still restricted with passing around collection bags, the bags are on a table at the back of the Church for your convenience.

You are now also able to make donations to the first or second collections by downloading the **Archdiocese of Adelaide** App from your app store. See noticeboard for further details.

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**POSITION VACANT**

**Cleaner for Church Toilets**

1 hour per week—some flexibility required with working hours

If interested please contact Toni Fishlock in the Parish Office on 8382 1717.



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**Walk a Mile Challenge, Friday 7 August—7.30am**

Walk a Mile in My Boots is Hutt St Centre's official National Homelessness Week event, raising much-needed funds to keep their doors open.

Walk a mile or more around your neighbourhood or workplace that morning or start walking towards this goal today (every mile counts!)

Register at [www.walkamile.org.au](http://www.walkamile.org.au)

Don't forget to tag us in your walk on social media:  
@WalkaMile #WalkaMile



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

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon	Aug 3	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's Mass 9.15am—St John's (St Dominic's Day)
Tues	Aug 4	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Aug 5	Mass at 9.15am—SCC Craft Group 10am—St Luke's All Saints Board Mtg—7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Aug 6	Mass at 8.15am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00am-12.00noon—Prayer Group Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Aug 7	Mass at 9.15am—All Saints Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Aug 8	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Aug 9	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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**PARISH CENSUS**

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....**



For the smooth running of the Noarlunga/Seaford Parish, from time to time we need to update all parish records etc.

This weekend you will find a leaflet on the information desk, please complete this leaflet and return it to the box provided in the Church foyer. Please pay particular attention to any changed phone numbers and email addresses as we found our records were not correct and we were unable to contact many of our parishioners to advise of Church arrangements during the pandemic.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. You will make our lives much easier!! Father Josy

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**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—15 AUGUST**

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be advised in next week's newsletter.

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**SCC NEWS**

**SCC/SEM Church Communities** this weekend celebrates 24 years since they first came together. Much has happened since the beginning of the Ecumenical Mission and the five churches give thanks to God for the challenges and blessings that have carried us through the years and pray for God's continued blessings on the work that we do together in our own and the wider community of Seaford and beyond. As we gather we will remember with deep appreciation one of the founding of SEM Ecumenical Mission, the Uniting Church member, Reverend Tom Atherton, who died last week.

**SEM Op Shop** will be back to full operation commencing Monday, 3 August.

## COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

*(The following conditions apply at this time)*

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction.
- This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance.
- There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- No collection plates or hymn books are to be passed around.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' actions in the gospel mirror the actions of the Eucharist. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to the people.
- The multiplication miracle is recounted in all four gospels.
- John the Baptist was ordered to be killed by Herod Antipas, who ruled, under the Romans, over the northern province of Galilee. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, who was King at the time of Jesus' birth. Antipas' career was dominated by his relationship with Herodius, whom he married even though she was his niece and married to his half-brother when they met, and even though he was compelled to divorce his own wife in order to marry her. John was publicly very critical of this marriage, so Antipas had him arrested and later executed. It was Antipas who was the 'King Herod' at the time of Jesus' death.
- Jesus probably spent some time as a disciple of John the Baptist.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The death of the Baptist has left Jesus saddened, and he withdraws to be alone with the disciples. But even his personal sorrow is overwhelmed by compassion for the people who had followed him, and he cures their sick. The crowd stays with him, even into the evening.

When the disciples ask Jesus to send them away to eat, Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them

yourself. He is training them to take the initiative, to be confident leaders of the community after he has gone. Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal in blessing, breaking and giving, but this ritual now points to the actions of the Last Supper. All are fed; all are satisfied. There are overtones of the messianic banquet, a common image in the Hebrew Scriptures describing the reign of God; there is an abundance. The crowd represents all of Israel gathered by Jesus, and the twelve baskets of remainders represent the twelve tribes of Israel gathered by the twelve disciples.

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Overwhelmingly, the image of this text is the abundance of the feast that is offered to us by Jesus. This echoes a traditional image of the coming of the Messiah found in the Jewish Scriptures—the messianic feast.

They all ate as much as they wanted and still there was plenty remaining. In Jesus, we can be thoroughly satisfied. He is the source of all we need.

Another image in this text is the need to withdraw to a quiet place to pray and meditate, to nourish our souls as well as our bodies.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(3 August - 09 August)*

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

### 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).