



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, Wednesday, Thursday
10.00am - 12.00noon

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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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 – SEM
(Catholic Community Coordinator
- 0400 035 462)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy

mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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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

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

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.

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

ALL CHOIRS

Archbishop Pat O'Regan has recommended the following:

- Congregational singing be avoided
- Choirs are permitted, provided:

Singers are able to be socially distanced from each other and the rest of the congregation.

Numbers are limited to a designated person or a very small group.

Following discussion with members of the Pastoral Council the following decisions were made.

- **NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**
- **ALL CHOIRS ARE RESTRICTED TO 6 MEMBERS OR LESS.**

Church Cleaning

For weekend 22/23 August

Cleaning: Adeline & Mark
McLoughlin

Vacuuming: Rajiv Govind

Finances

For weekend 8/9 August

1st Collection \$573

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$597 (35 envelopes)

Open Plate \$451

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

Noticeboard

Aug 23 Pastoral Care in Parish and
Community Life

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



**Dinner will be available after
the Youth Mass on Sunday 23
August.**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

19 August—World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world.

On 19 August 2003, a bomb attack hit the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, killing 22 people, including the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Five years later, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 19 August as World Humanitarian Day. Every year since then, the humanitarian community has organized global campaigns to commemorate WHD, advocating for the safety and security of humanitarian aid workers, and for the survival, well-being and dignity of people affected by crises.

Since that day, more than 4,000 humanitarians have been killed, injured, detained, kidnapped or otherwise prevented from carrying out their life saving duties. That's an average of 300 cases a year, or almost one every single day. In 2018, there were 369 attacks on aid workers, including kidnapping, detention and assaults. 120 of those humanitarians were killed.

This year, the United Nations has chosen to focus on female humanitarians, sharing the stories of 24 women who are affecting change in cities and towns and villages around the world.

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



Deceased: David Biddiss

Anniversaries: Stella Paisley

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 22/23 August

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Juliet Groveas	Beverly Ellis
Proclaimer 2	Brenda Byrne	Espi Tilbrook
Welcomer	Mary Kralj	Mary Thomson

Roster:

Projectionist	Frank
Ministry	Folk Group

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.

NEWSLETTER INSERT

THANKSGIVING RENEWAL PROGRAM— AUGUST 2020

Please take the time to read and respond to the insert in this Newsletter regarding the next Thanksgiving Program cycle with new envelopes to be distributed in September. Thank you to anyone who contributes in any way to the life of the Parish.

WE CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUSH FIRE APPEAL

One of our parishioners, Jane, carries out garment repairs and alterations. Jane has generously offered to donate all the money she receives from this service this year to the Bush Fire Appeal.

If you need garments altered or repaired please contact Jane on 8382 8817.

The Funeral for David Biddiss will be celebrated at St Lukes on Thursday 20 August at 11.00am

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Aug 17	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Aug 18	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's
Wed	Aug 19	Mass at 9.15am—SCC/All Saints Craft Group 10am—St Luke's St John's Board Meeting 7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Aug 20	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.15am 10.00am-12.00noon—Prayer Group Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Aug 21	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Aug 22	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Aug 23	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?



If you have changed your address, email address or phone number in the last 18 months could you please advise the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

For the smooth running of the Noarlunga/Seaford Parish, we need to ensure all parish records etc are up to date.

Unfortunately we found we were unable to contact many of our parishioners to advise of Church arrangements during the pandemic.

Thank you.

PROPOSED PASTORAL CARE GROUP

The Parish Pastoral Council has floated the idea of developing a group of parishioners who might act as a Pastoral Care Group for the Seaford Noarlunga Parish Community.

This suggestion is in light of the recent effects of COVID-19 and how very easily a community can become disconnected. The majority of the parishioners at our churches are of a mature age and we would like to ensure there is a group of people, a Pastoral Care Group, that can reach out to offer support.

We would like to find out if there are any parishioners who are interested in forming this group and from there we will have conversations and discuss the best way to move forward with our good intentions. Please leave your name at the Parish Office on 8382 1717 if you are interested.

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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DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In this gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria.

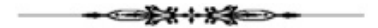
Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as 'Son of David'. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse—he did not want to exceed his divine mission, which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh, but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage, but with humility. She forces Jesus to confront a truth—God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

SHARING THE TRADITION

In the centuries after the Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and it ultimately became the State religion and he moved his capital from Rome to Constantinople, different cultural expressions of the same faith emerged. In the western half of the empire, Rome initially dominated religious practices and was gradually replaced by the Celtic Church after the fall of Rome. In the eastern half of the Roman Empire, Constantinople dominated and many eastern or Byzantine cultural expressions entered worship.

Different ways of worshipping developed. This situation still exists today within the Church. The Roman Rite is familiar to us and other Rites of the Catholic Church include the Maronite, Melkite and Ukrainian Rite. These groups are completely loyal to the Pope and the magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. Such Rites are different from the Orthodox traditions which do not recognise the Pope as leader of the Church and sometimes hold slightly different beliefs from the Catholic traditions. The Orthodox traditions broke away from the Church at various times in the early centuries, usually over issues of doctrinal formulation, in much the same way as the Protestant traditions broke away or formed independently.

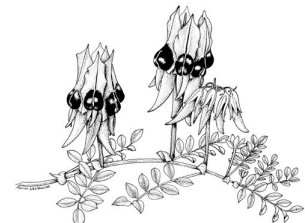
Since the Second Vatican Council, enormous moves forward have been made in entering into dialogue with other Christian churches and other faiths. Ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue was a goal which is very close to heart Pope Francis, and was also for his predecessors.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 August)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)



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).

NOARLUNGA-SEAFORD PARISH
THANKSGIVING RENEWAL PROGRAM - AUGUST 2020

This week the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who contributes in any way to the life of the Noarlunga-Seaford Parish community. Without you, our Parish would be unable to function and we would not be able to offer our many and varied services to the community.

Thank you also to the many people who have done so much in the past to build the community we have today and a special thanks to all our current planned givers.

The ongoing generosity of parishioners is the foundation of our income stream, with bequests, interest, and a small amount from other sources making up the remainder of our income. Each year the Parish Finance Committee prepares a budget for Parish income and expenditure. The basic expenditure includes the necessary items to conduct Mass, pay for council services, electricity, gas, water, maintenance, insurances, and parish activities and where funds are available to make improvements and upgrade facilities. The Parish also employs staff, engages people, and purchases resources to develop and enrich parish life.

As we move into the next Thanksgiving Program cycle, now is the time to consider your generosity in terms of your time, talent and giving to keep the Parish alive and moving forward.

This year we are guided by the following principles:

- ***We are not asking people to give more***
- ***We are asking more to give something***
- ***No matter how big or small, every contribution counts***
- ***Every contribution is gratefully received***

The recent Covid19 pandemic crisis has affected us all in a variety of ways. We understand that just as our parish is being adversely affected, some people may have or are experiencing financial difficulties as well. If you are unable to continue giving or are having trouble in keeping up, please contact the Parish Office to make alternative arrangements

New envelopes will be distributed in September, so we ask that you consider your options with Giving to your Parish. If you would like to contribute to your parish on a regular basis, please consider the **Credit Card** and **Direct Debit** options. For further information on these options please contact the Office and we will forward the relevant forms for you.

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Noarlunga – Seaford Parish Thanksgiving Pledge	
Name	Present Envelope No:
Address	
Email:	
My pledge will be \$ per week OR <input type="checkbox"/> fortnight <input type="checkbox"/> month quarter <input type="checkbox"/> half/year <input type="checkbox"/> yearly	
I wish to continue with current giving YES /NO	
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