

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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Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10.00am - 12.00noon

## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

### • PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian (8382 1717;  
in an emergency 0452 524 169;  
[jponnambal@gmail.com](mailto:jponnambal@gmail.com))

### • ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta  
(8382 1717)

Fr Arul Dev  
(8382 1717)

### • 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 – SEM  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

## CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



## FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is

the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Eph 1:17, 18*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;

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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

**Church Cleaning**

For weekend 5/6 September

Cleaning: Jane Van Vliet &  
Pat Harrington

Vacuuming: Loy Goveas

**Finances**

For weekend 22/23 August

1st Collection \$661

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$607 (38 envelopes)

Open Plate \$784

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

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

**Copies of the Social Justice  
Statement 2020-21 are available  
on the Information Desk in the  
foyer.**

## 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.
- 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.
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## COVID MARSHALS

The government has directed that as from 21 August 2020 we must have a COVID Marshal. The COVID Marshal's role is to ensure that the site's COVID Safe Plan and local COVID prevention plans, policies or protocols are implemented as best as possible and takes all reasonable action to ensure that all staff, patrons, contractors and other people on the site follow these rules.

As COVID Marshals are required under the Emergency Management (Public Activities) COVID-19 Direction 2020, the church will be subject to compliance inspections by authorities and non-compliance with requirements can be subjected to penalties.

While we do not always like change, this change has been put in place to protect you and your families. We would respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshal.

## ALL CHOIRS

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.**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### 30 August—Social Justice Sunday

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 is entitled: "To Live Life to The Full: Mental Health in Australia Today".

In this Social Justice Statement the Catholic Bishops of Australia encourage faith communities, governments and each one of us, to make mental health a priority.

'We want to say clearly that mental ill-health is not a moral failure, the result of a lack of faith, or of weak will.... People experiencing mental ill-health are not some 'other' people, they are 'us'. People in our families, faith communities, workplaces and society are suffering mental ill-health—and they can be of any age or socio-economic background. Whoever and whatever they are, they need our understanding and support.....

During this time of pandemic, we have often heard it said that "we are all in this together". The quality of our care for the people who are the most vulnerable or disadvantaged will be the test of whether or not this is true. A commitment to the common good means attending to the good of all of us, without exception.'

Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.00PM**

**Pray for the healing of:** Pastor Mark Kaesler, Frank Martucci, Alex Barrow, Heather D'Cruz, Valerie Wallis, Angela Young, Mary Szantyr, Shirley Lavender, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo



**Deceased:** Lyle Burgess

**Anniversaries:** John Manfield

*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 5/6 September

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Christine Challis	Mary Thomson
Proclaimer 2	Mary Kralj	Beverley Ellis
Welcomer	Annabelle Fernandez	Connie Anderson

#### Roster:

Projectionist		Carmel
Ministry	Grace	Folk Group

Tuesday 8 September is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.


Fr Josy will be celebrating Mass at St Luke's at 9.00am.

### THANKSGIVING RENEWAL PROGRAM— AUGUST 2020

Please take the time to read and respond to the insert in a previous Newsletter regarding the next Thanksgiving Program cycle with new envelopes to be distributed in September. If you did not receive one, copies are available on the Information Desk in the foyer. Thank you to anyone who contributes in any way to the life of the Parish.

### WATCH THIS SPACE, FOR WOMEN ONLY!

#### 7 weeks to go

 How is your faith journey? Are you being nourished daily by our Lord, if not would you like to learn how to be on a weekly basis?

If you would like to hear more, please contact Margarita McMahon on 0407 836 460, leave your name & number and brief message and I will call you back to discuss further.

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	Aug 31	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Sept 1	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's— <b>Cancelled</b>
Wed	Sept 2	Mass at 9.15am—SCC/All Saints Craft Group 10am—St Luke's All Saints Board Meeting 7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Sept 3	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am 10.00am-12.00noon—Prayer Group Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Sept 4	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Sept 5	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Sept 6	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

### 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.

### EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia (ACN)** has launched a national emergency appeal for Lebanon following the deadly explosion in Beirut on 4 August. The appeal has been given the endorsement and support of Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay of the Maronite Catholic Diocese of Australia and Bishop Robert Rabbat of the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia and NZ. This explosion has killed at least 135 people, injured 5000 and decimated the capital city. Entire livelihoods have been lost and more than 300,000 are without homes. The funds raised will be used to support the most immediate needs in Lebanon (such as food) but they will also respond to the physical and spiritual needs that will arise in the coming weeks, months and years. Details of how to donate now to this Emergency Appeal are on the Information Desk in the Church Foyer.

## 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.

### KANGAROO ISLAND PARISH

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### WILLUNGA PARISH

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but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

## DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word ‘Satan’ originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

## SHARING THE TRADITION

Over the long history of the Church there have been many people who have literally taken up the cross of Christ and given their lives for their faith. They are the martyrs of the Church and have a special place of honour. The first martyrdom recorded in the Scriptures is that of Stephen (Acts 6:8–8:3). Over recent weeks we have explored the stories of some people who are modern day martyrs of the Church. Luckily, however, not all those who take up the cross are called to give their lives, but still many shoulder the burden of faith in the face of adversity. One such person was St Damien of Molokai, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who volunteered to work as a missionary chaplain among the lepers of Hawaii at the leper colony on Molokai. Here he laboured for many years until he contracted the disease and finally died of it in 1889. Others Christians, like

Mother Teresa, have chosen to live out their faith in difficult situations.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel.

Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering but is soundly rebuked.

The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. In this text, Peter's lack of understanding of what that means and the mission Jesus has causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission.

While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross.

Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(31 August - 6 September)*

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

## 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).