



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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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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

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

• SEAFORD

Sr Bernie Sontrop SGS – SEM
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CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Perpare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

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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 12 13 December

Cleaning: Leona Tane

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

Finances

For weekend 28/29 Nov

1st Collection \$622

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$511.85 (30 envelopes)

Open Plate \$4039

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open from
10.00am—3.00pm on
Tuesday—Friday
until Christmas Eve.

**St Luke's Parish Office will be closed
from 24 December to 4 January.**

From 5 January to 25 January the office
will be open 10.00am—1.00pm
Tuesday to Friday.

Normal office hours resume from
Wednesday 27 January 2021.

For emergencies please contact Fr Josy
on 0452 524 169 or Toni Fishlock on
0417 801 241.

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.
- Please 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 MAXIMUM OF 6 MEMBERS**



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION

Each of today's readings focuses on some aspect of how we are to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Isaiah speaks of comforting people, of speaking tenderly to the heart—just as God does. Jesus spoke of the tender compassion of God who comes close to people and desires to share their hopes, joys, dreams, challenges, suffering and pain.

There is work to be done! As followers of Jesus, we are called to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised in our world in a way that enhances dignity and liberates people to enable them to live in joyful hope because the Lord keeps his promise.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

10 December—International Human Rights Day

Digital Inclusion as a Human Right

It is clear that social divisions are being replicated online. More worryingly, as essential services continue to shift online, digital inclusion becomes mandatory for basic participation in society. It should therefore be considered a human right. This is especially important in the context of e-government, where the welfare of the most vulnerable is at stake.

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, Social Justice Statement 2019-2020

BOOKINGS FOR MASS AT ST LUKE'S

Until further notice, parishioners will need to ring the Parish Office on 83821717 to book for all weekend Masses and all Christmas Masses at St Luke's.

We are sorry for this inconvenience but due to COVID-19 restrictions we feel this is the best way of managing the restrictions placed on numbers attending Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not be available
on Thursday 10 December.**

Pray for the healing of: Shirley Lavender, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo, Marlene Hemming, Valerie Wallis, Janet Hanna, Heather D'Cruz, Megan Whitford, Catherine Kelley, Milo Forbes, Jack Vaughan



Deceased: Marie Ward

Anniversaries: Tomasita Sia-Smith

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 12/13 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1		Beverley Ellis
Proclaimer 2	Paul Knobloch	Mary Thomson
Welcomer	Juliet Groveas	John Van Der Linden
Roster:		
Projectionist	Nick	Frank
Ministry		Folk Group

PEOPLES CHOICE 2020 LOTTERY

***Please support this lottery as the proceeds of all tickets you purchase come back to the Noarlunga Seaford Parish. ***



In this COVID year rather than having raffle books this lottery is to be done on line. There are still over \$300,000 in prizes that include two cars. To purchase tickets enter this WEB address:
Communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au

Press enter
Click on: **Peoples Choice 2020 lottery**
Click on: **BUY TICKETS** (top of page)
Click on: **CHURCH**
Scroll down to: St Luke's Sharing Through Craft and Click
Enter the number of tickets you require and click **ADD TO CART**
Tick 'agree' to terms box and click in **CHECK OUT**
Fill in your details and select your pay option.
An email will be sent to you with your tickets.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST LUKE'S:

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm, 9.00pm
12 midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day: 9.00am & 10.30am

SCC:

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm
Christmas Day: 10.30am

Times are advertised on the Church noticeboard and on the Noarlunga Seaford Catholic Parish website.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Dec 7	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Dec 8	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's— cancelled All Saints End of Year Liturgy 11.45am Parish Pastoral Exec 5.00pm
Wed	Dec 9	All Saints Whole School Mass—9.15am Craft Group 10am St John's Graduation Mass—7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's— cancelled
Thurs	Dec 10	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament- cancelled Prayer Meeting 10am Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's— cancelled
Fri	Dec 11	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Dec 12	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Dec 13	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEK

As there will be no 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 9 December, parishioners are welcome to attend the St John's Graduation Mass at 7.00pm.

OUR GIVING TREE - LET'S "PLAY TAG"



St Vincent de Paul is under a mammoth strain at this time of the year, helping those less fortunate than ourselves to have a happy Christmas.

In the wonderful tradition of our Giving Tree, we are again, this year, hopeful of being able to contribute enough gifts so that every family Vinnies assists can be given the gifts they need for their children's Christmas.

Let's "PLAY TAG" and empty all the tags off the Giving Tree.

Gifts need to be returned by 12/13 December.

Columban Calendars & St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards

Columban Calendars: \$8.00
Christmas Cards: \$5.00



We pray for all in our Parish who are receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation this weekend and wish them God's blessings.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current as at 1 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- 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 - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- 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.
- 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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GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the River Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist is a prominent figure in Mark's Gospel. In Luke's Gospel he is portrayed as a cousin of Jesus, however in the other gospels he seems not to know the identity of Jesus and no family connection is mentioned.
- John's clothing of homespun camel hair tied with a leather thong around the waist is the explicit garb of a prophet.
- God had called the people of Israel out of Egypt and led them across the River Jordan to be a new people. God, through John, is now calling for a new people by passing them through the waters of baptism in the same river.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah brought a message of hope and comfort to the people of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. Despite their failings, God is merciful

and has promised them a new beginning. John the Baptist appears in the line of that great prophet and again promises Israel the chance of a new beginning if they repent and turn again towards God.

The emphasis in Mark's portrait of the Baptist is very much that of the subordinate. John's self-effacing manner makes it clear that he is not the one who is promised, but the one who is to prepare the way. The emphasis in John's preaching is on judgment; for Jesus it is the Reign of God and salvation.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written down, around the year 70AD. It is generally accepted that Mark wrote for an audience in Rome who were undergoing persecution for their faith. It is the shortest of the four gospels and is told in a lively and straightforward style. Mark seeks to explore the identity of Jesus, to describe the responses of various people to him and to invite us to become disciples.

In this opening verse of his gospel, Mark alerts his readers instantly to the identity of the main character. This work is the Good News about Jesus Christ who is Son of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 December)

- **Monday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 08:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Rph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed of 2nd Week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thurs of 2nd Week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday of 2nd week of Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday of 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 13:** Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

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).