



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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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## NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday  
10.00am - 3.00pm

### PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

#### • PARISH PRIEST

Fr Josy Sebastian (8382 1717;  
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#### • ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta  
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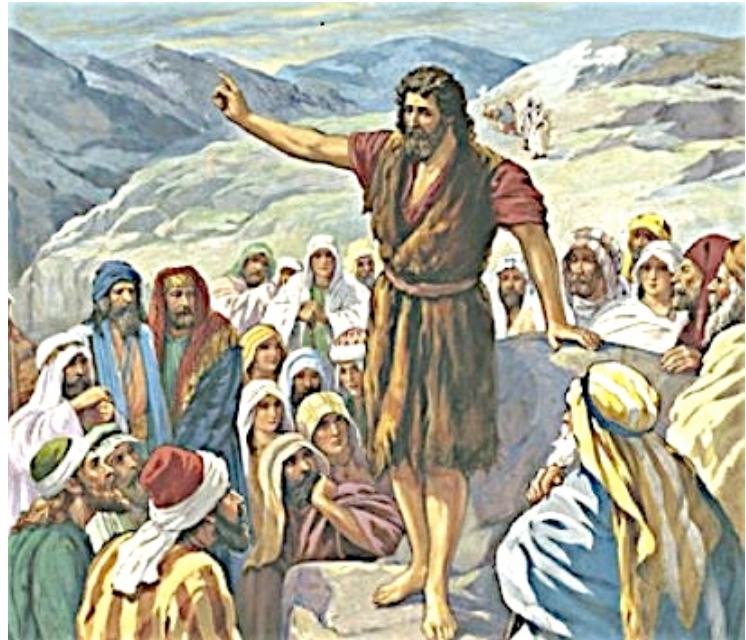
*(Please submit newsletter items to the Parish Office by 11.30am each Wednesday)*

#### • SEAFORD

Sr Bernie Sontrop SGS – SEM  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.’

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lk 1:46-50, 53-54*

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what

God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Isa 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

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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 19/20 December

Cleaning: Grace Mogg &  
Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

**Finances**

For weekend 5/6 Dec

1st Collection \$555

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$561 (31 envelopes)

Open Plate \$657

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**



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION

The Gospel according to St John is an invitation to be witnesses of Jesus before men, just as John the Baptist was. His mission from God was to witness, with his life and with his word, that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and Son of God.

The great modesty and discretion of John is striking. He did not allow himself to be trapped by the desire for notoriety or prominence. Although deeply rooted among the people of Israel, the Baptist remained level-headed and recognised his true stature. He was the spokesman of the true light. He knew very well that he was not the Messiah, because behind him came the one “whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

Today, we are called to be witnesses of the Lord, to be true witnesses of the light in the darkness of our times. Let us become witnesses of the Gospel to the entire world and make His message credible. Let us be humble witnesses in the style of John, followers who do not impersonate or overshadow Jesus. Let us be Christians supported and encouraged by him, so that in our words and deeds, we will make visible the unmistakable presence of Jesus alive in our midst.

### 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  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
THURSDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.00PM**

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



**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).

**Rosters for weekend 19/20 December**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Proclaimer 1	Margaret Mottram	Mary Barrow
Proclaimer 2	Annabelle Fernandez	Espi Tilbrook
Welcomer	Christine Challis	Connie Anderson
<b>Roster:</b>		
Projectionist		
Ministry	Tony & Mary	Praise

**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 14 Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's  
Tues Dec 15 Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Wed Dec 16 Mass SCC—9.15am  
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's  
Thurs Dec 17 Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's  
Fri Dec 18 Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's  
Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's  
Sat Dec 19 Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's  
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's  
Sun Dec 20 Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's  
Mass at 10.45am—SCC



**OUR GIVING TREE**

Please return any gifts by Monday 14 December at the latest.

**Columban Calendars & St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards**

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



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will be cancelled on Thursday 24 December and will resume on Thursday 14 January.

*Thank You*

St Luke's parishioners thank Marcellin College for providing the nativity scene on display in the grounds of the Church.

**READERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**

If you are available to be a Reader over the Christmas/New Year period please write your name on the sheets on the information desk. Thank you.

**SCC NEWS**

**New Year's Eve Ecumenical Service**

As we come to the end of an extraordinary year you are invited to gather in prayer to reflect on the year and all its challenges, to give thanks for the blessings of 2020, and hope for God's presence and guidance in whatever the year 2021 brings. The service will be held on Wednesday 31 December at 8.00pm in the large worship space at Seaford Christian Churches (SEM).

## 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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### NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

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### WILLUNGA PARISH

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This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the early years, there was rivalry between the disciples of John the Baptist and of Jesus. This gospel makes it clear that John does not see himself as a rival to Jesus but as a witness to him. It is Jesus who is the one sent from God.
- The quote from Isaiah comes from a section of his Book which is addressed to the people in Exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC. It is designed to bring comfort and promises that, when the paths are made straight, the Lord will be revealed.
- Bethany, as mentioned in this gospel text, is not the same town which was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They lived close to

Jerusalem but the Bethany mentioned here lies on the east bank of the Jordan River.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, this one comes from the last of the written gospels. The Gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasi-messianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the 'voice' of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God ... to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 December)

- **Monday, 14:** St John of the Cross (Is 61L:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:19-23)
- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24)
- **Saturday, 19:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> week Advent (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25)
- **Sunday 20:** Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

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### 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).