

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

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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
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ANTIOCH YOUTH MINISTRY

For Antioch enquiries please ring the Parish Office (8382 1717)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything

to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. *(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 1/2 August

Cleaning: Grace Mogg &
Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

Finances

For weekend 18/19 July

1st Collection \$649

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$522 (29 envelopes)

Open Plate \$417

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

Noticeboard

Aug 1 Catholic School of Evangelisation

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

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.



We welcome

Chase Frederick John Turner

who will be baptised into our faith community this weekend.

We wish Chase and his family God's richest blessings.

Catholic School of Evangelisation

invites you to come and be

RENEWED

Guest Speaker & Celebrant Fr Josy Sebastian

Saturday 1 August 2020

St Peter Claver Parish Hall

1A Stuart Road, Dulwich

10.30am to 3.30pm

Because of Covid19 protocols no food sharing. Bring own lunch & snacks.

Please register your intention to attend: 0419 144872

Your generous donation appreciated.

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.



Pray for the healing of: Maureen Munday, Angela Young, Mel Smith, Anton Sylvester, Marie MacLoughlin, Michelle Smith, Catherine Kelley, Mary Szantyr, Olive Murphy, Briega Hannon, John Cooper, Francesco Martinelli, Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Carlo Robusti, Pastor Mark Kaesler, Frank Martucci, Alex Barrow, Heather D'Cruz, Valerie Wallis



Deceased: Barbara Hillam, Zofka Clappis

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 1/2 August

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Paul Knobloch	Espi Tilbrook
Proclaimer 2	Annabelle Fernandez	Beverley Ellis
Welcomer	Juliet Groveas	Connie Anderson

Music Roster:

Projectionist		Carmel
Ministry	Sandiwa	Folk Group

CALM AND CONFIDENT KIDS SEMINAR

5 August in Antonio School Gym

6.00pm	Light refreshments
6.30-8.00pm	Kirrilie Smout (Child Psychologist) will present her seminar

Bookings at Antonio School 8325 4500 by Monday 27 July

CH 44 REPLAY – CHANGE OF TIME TO 5PM

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream Sunday Mass from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

For those without internet access the Sunday Mass will now be replayed on Channel 44 **at 5pm every Sunday.**

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

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

@WalkaMile #WalkaMile

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Jul 27	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Jul 28	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Jul 29	Mass at 9.15am—All Saints Craft Group 10am—St Luke's Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Jul 30	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10.00am-12.00noon—Prayer Group Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Jul 31	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Aug 1	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Aug 2	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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.

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. Even if you have been in our Parish for 40 years and have never changed any of your particulars we would still like you to fill in a new survey form. 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

SCC NEWS

SEM TOWN SQUARE CAFÉ has re-opened. While space is limited due to social distancing requirements, it's business as usual, including the availability of delicious frozen take-away meals. It is suggested that you book the day before if you're planning a small group or family gathering at the Café.

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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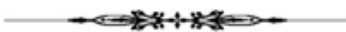
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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’



EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to convey his teaching about the kingdom using the imagery of everyday life. Pearls were highly valued in the Near East and were regarded as a symbol of wisdom— thus the saying ‘pearls of wisdom’. In the first two of these parables, the protagonists commit everything they own to acquiring what is beyond price. According to Jesus, the kingdom is worth the sacrifice of everything we value most to gain a place in it.

The parable of the dragnet tells us something more of the kingdom. There will be those who have not recognised its value and are unworthy of the kingdom. However, it is not for people to judge who is worthy and who is not. That belongs to God. Jesus is very concerned that his followers clearly understand his message and he questions them directly: ‘Do you understand all this?’ There must be no confusion over the meaning of the gospel!

Matthew stresses that believing in Christ does not mean a total rejection of Judaism. Indeed, both the old and the new have value. Jesus did not come to overturn the Law but to fulfil it and those who recognise this truth will honour both the old and the new.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In ancient times people often buried their treasures as they fled from enemies or invaders. Sometimes their owners may return to recover the treasure but often it remained buried for many years. Among priceless discoveries of treasure buried as the owners fled invaders are the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden from the Roman Army in the late first century.
- A scribe in the ancient world was someone who could read and write and often held government positions. At the time of Jesus, the scribes were influential teachers of the Jewish faith, well versed in Scripture and the Law.
- The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.
- The blazing furnace referred to here is the place of eternal punishment for the wicked known by the Hebrew terms Sheol or Gehenna. Hell is the English word used to translate these terms.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 July - 2 August)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** St Martha (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 1:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 2:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35m 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

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).