



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)

FIRST 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

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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 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will

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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 December

Cleaning: Jane Van Vliet &
Pat Harrington

Vacuuming: Julie Lindur

Finances

For weekend 22 November

1st Collection \$417

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$377 (24 envelopes)

Open Plate \$336

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

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

Notice Board:

Dec 5 Advent Retreat
Celebrant Fr Josy

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**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

25 November –International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Domestic violence is at epidemic levels across Australia, creating vulnerability for women of all walks of life. For the past three years, one woman a week is murdered by her partner. This is a tragic epidemic that the Australian Catholic Church hasn't addressed in a systematic manner ...

Liz MacKinlay, "Domestic Violence: Moving from Silence to Inclusion and Dialogue in the Australian Church"

Although men and children—both girls and boys—may be victims of domestic violence, overwhelmingly the victims of domestic violence are women.

"As Church, the living body of Christ, we cannot remain silent. We must collectively and personally denounce a violence which erodes the human person in every way. We must work to build communities of peace, safety, true reconciliation and relationships that seek alternatives to violence. Pope Francis tells us 'If violence has its source in the human heart, then it is fundamental that non-violence be practised before all else within families ...'

I encourage you to do whatever you can to act on this issue. Do not be a bystander. Find out now what you can do to help those who are suffering in silence within your community."

Bishop Peter A Comensoli, A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence

BOOKINGS FOR MASS

For next weekend (5 December) and until further notice, parishioners will need to ring the Parish Office on 83821717 to book for all weekend Masses and all Christmas Masses.

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
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.00PM**

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



Deceased: Margaret Walther

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 5/6 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Mary Kralj	Liz Brown
Proclaimer 2		Erica Badics
Welcomer	Annabelle Fernandez	Mary Barrow
Roster:		
Projectionist		
Ministry	Grace	Shaun & Simone

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	Nov 30	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Dec 1	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's All Saints Liturgy 5.00pm
Wed	Dec 2	Mass at 9.15am—SCC Craft Group 10am All Saints Board Mtg 6.00pm Cardijn End of Year Mass 7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Dec 3	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Prayer Meeting 10am Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Dec 4	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Dec 5	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Dec 6	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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

ADVENT RETREAT

**Guest Speaker & Celebrant Fr Josy Sebastian
 Saturday 5 December, 10.30am—3.30pm**

St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich
 Coffee & Tea provided, please bring your own lunch
 To Register: 0419 144872

NEWS FROM SCC

Preparing your heart and soul for Christmas. In the midst of busy preparation for the celebration of Christmas with family and friends, take some time out each week to participate in in an Advent reflection group. There will be an ecumenical group gathering to reflect on the Gospels of the Sundays of Advent at SCC/SEM each Wednesday morning from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Please register your interest by contacting Sr Bernie, 0400 035 642, so that materials can be prepared.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current as at 25 November)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 50 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Activities planned with an approved COVID Management Plan scheduled before 1 December cannot go ahead.
- 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.
- 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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come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The season of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year follows a three-year cycle and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore,

time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590–604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

'Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time' (General Norms of the Liturgical Year).

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 November - 6 December)

- **Monday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 01:** Tuesday of 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 02:** Wednesday of 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 04:** Friday of 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 05:** Saturday of 1st week Advent (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 06:** Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5m 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)



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).