



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)

Email: [nswcp@tpg.com.au](mailto:nswcp@tpg.com.au)

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

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 102:1-4, 9-12*

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

## SECOND READING

*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead

we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 13:34*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

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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 September

Cleaning: Grace Mogg &  
Adele Revina

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

**Finances**

For weekend 5/6 September

1st Collection \$611

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$392 (28 envelopes)

Open Plate \$482

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

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

**Noticeboard**

Sept 26 Intercession Seminar

Sept 27 Multicultural Mass

## 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.

### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In accordance with the COVID-Safe Plan, the Priest is the only person able to distribute Communion. To enable this to happen efficiently, parishioners are asked to approach the altar in single file, via the centre aisle, 1 pew at a time, starting with the centre front and side front pews on the **right hand side** of the Church. Once communion has been distributed to all parishioners on the right hand side of the Church then those in the centre front and side front pews on the **left hand side** of the Church may proceed. Please remember the 1.5 metre social distancing at all times. COVID Marshals will assist with directions.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES – 2020 APPEAL

(September is Catholic Charities month)



Catholic  
Charities

*Making a difference to the lives of South Australians since 1941.*

Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from Church or make a donation online at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. For more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website: [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/charity-and-giving/catholic-charities/about-catholic-charities-) Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

**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, Mary Szantyr, Shirley Lavender, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** George McAuliffe

*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).

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**Rosters for weekend 19/20 September**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Proclaimer 1	Mary Kralj	Erica Badics
Proclaimer 2	Juliet Groveas	
Welcomer		Mary Thomson
<b>Roster:</b>		
Projectionist		
Ministry	<b>Grace</b>	Folk Group



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**Please don't forget  
to pick up your  
Planned Giving Envelopes  
from the Church foyer**

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**WATCH THIS SPACE, FOR WOMEN ONLY!**

**5 weeks to go**

Are you new to the parish or would like to know more people who you could share your faith with?



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.

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**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY**

This year our Archdiocese will celebrate the *106<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a Multicultural Mass* on Sunday, September 27 at 2.30pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Mass will be live streamed due to COVID-19 restrictions and online bookings are required. You are invited to book in for Mass via [trybooking.com/BLEKV](http://trybooking.com/BLEKV).

Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au). Further details are on the noticeboard.

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**COLLECTIONS**

You are now also able to make donations to the first or second collections by downloading the **Archdiocese of Adelaide** App from your app store. See noticeboard for further details.

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon	Sept 14	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Sept 15	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's
Wed	Sept 16	Mass at 9.15am—SCC/All Saints Craft Group 10am—St Luke's St John's Board Meeting 7.00pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Sept 17	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 18	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Sept 19	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Sept 20	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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**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 wish 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.

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**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 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.

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**WE CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
BUSH FIRE APPEAL**

One of our parishioners, Jane, carries out garment repairs and alterations. Jane has generously offered to donate all the money she receives from this service this year to the Bush Fire Appeal.

If you need garments altered or repaired please contact Jane on 8382 8817.

## 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

Phone 8553 2132  
([www.kicatholic.org.au](http://www.kicatholic.org.au))

### NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD PARISH

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### VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA PARISH

Phone 8552 1084  
([www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au](http://www.victorgoolwacatholic.org.au))

### WILLUNGA PARISH

Phone 8556 2132  
([www.willungaparish.org.au](http://www.willungaparish.org.au))

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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.

And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(14 - 20 September)*

- **Monday, 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows (Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35)
- **Thursday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50)
- **Friday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 20:** 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16)

### 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).