

The last will be first, and the first will be last.



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)

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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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;  
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

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but

for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Acts 16:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered.

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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 26/27 September  
Cleaning: Sharon Fletcher  
Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

**Finances**

For weekend 12/13 September

1st Collection \$583

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$665 (34 envelopes)

Open Plate \$553

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.
- 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 6 MEMBERS OR LESS.**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### 21 September—International Day of Peace

*In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you." (Lk 10:5-6)*

*Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate. Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message 2019*

### 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.

### 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.

**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:** Maureen Munday

**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 26/27 September

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Annabelle Fernandez	Beverley Ellis
Proclaimer 2	Margaret Mottram	Mary Barrow
Welcomer	Christine Challis	Connie Anderson

**Roster:**

Projectionist

Ministry Sandiwa Praise



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

### WATCH THIS SPACE, FOR WOMEN ONLY!

**4 weeks to go**

Are you on your own, have no family support in SA and would like to meet others so you can build a relationship with others and increase your faith with our Lord at the same time?



**If your answer is yes, please take note of our Christian Life Program (CLP) for women via**

**Zoom starting Sunday, 11 October, 2pm to 4:30pm for 7 consecutive Sundays, concluding 22 November 2020.**

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.

### 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.



**Dinner will be available after the Youth Mass on Sunday 27 September.**

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	Sept 21	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Sept 22	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 9.15—St John's
Wed	Sept 23	Mass at 9.15am—SCC Craft Group 10am—St Luke's Cardijn Board Meeting 7.30pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Sept 24	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 25	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Sept 26	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Sept 27	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

### AT LAST – AN UPDATE ON OUR TIMOR LESTE PROJECT

Due to Covid-19, Sr Anne was unable to leave Australia. However, I recently received the 'on ground' Annual Report, from Filipina Sr Gilbert Mary – via Mercy Works HQ in Sydney.

**The good news is our Nutritional Education Project for mothers, babies and surrounding villagers, is still progressing. The extra protein from locally sourced chickens, eggs and fish, is making a difference.**

(We raised money for these last year).

In addition the Sisters run Ante & Post-Natal groups and now a Hostel for up to 50 girls from the surrounding area, who attend school in Maucatar.

In the past year, 204 mothers were deemed 'at serious risk' of malnutrition, plus 232 children under 5 years. (1,143 children were tested.) TB, Pneumonia, Infections generally and now COVID concerns increase the need for education in good hygiene, as well as Nutrition. Difficult with a sad lack of sanitation!

The Sisters stay in touch with the mothers, holding local clinics, and travel to outer villages. (You may recall mountainous terrain and very rough roads).

Everything they do, with so little, is appreciated by the locals, especially the women.

Many in our parish are experiencing hardship at present, but adding the Timorese to your Prayer list is FREE!

**This year our Timor 3<sup>rd</sup> World project is 26 years young! We can't let the Virus beat us.**

I will always take your money. Or - you can put it in an envelope marked 'TIMOR', in a collection bag or in the Parish office.

I am happy to enlarge on this report.

**Thank you for your support and God Bless.**

Julia Macey – (Timor Liaison)

## 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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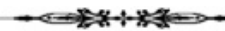
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He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

### EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel offers yet another challenge to human ideas about what is just and reveals the generosity of God. The Master makes a point of having those who came last, paid first. One must imagine the queue, with the newly arrived workers at the head and those tired from a full day's labour watching as the late-comers are paid in full. In many ways, the audience is drawn into sharing their disappointment and indignation. If those employed early had been at the head of the queue, they would have gone off happy with their contracted wage.

The problem arises only when they see the late-comers reaping the same reward. This is an indication of a problem which has arisen in Matthew's community. Those Jewish Christians who have risked all and believed from the beginning, are now seeing the new-comers to faith being offered the same reward. Jesus' answer is simple: the kingdom is God's. God can do as he likes and what God chooses is to welcome all and offer reward to all who come to belief, no matter at what stage.

### LIVING THE WORD

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?



### THIS WEEK'S READINGS (21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

### 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).