



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 - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

• PARISH PRIEST

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• ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
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• PARISH MANAGER/ NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
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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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CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to

be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your
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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 3/4 October

Cleaning: Adeline & Mark
McLoughlin

Vacuuming: Rajiv Govind

Finances

For weekend 19/20 September

1st Collection \$651

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$491 (32 envelopes)

Open Plate \$589

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 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 MAXIMUM OF 6 MEMBERS**

SOCIAL JUSTICE

27 September—Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020

Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee

Celebrated on 27 September, Migrant and Refugee Sunday is a time when the whole Church throughout the world celebrates the resilience and contribution of migrants and refugees to the church and society. It is also a time where we bring awareness to the issues migrants and refugees face.

We are currently in a crisis due to COVID-19. Many people seeking asylum and on temporary visas have lost their jobs or are relying on charitable organisations for income, housing and food bank support. We as Catholics are called to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters through prayer, sharing their stories and action.

Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Mass will be live streamed due to COVID-19 restrictions and can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. Further details are on the noticeboard.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – 2020 APPEAL

(September is Catholic Charities month)

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



**Catholic
Charities**

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- Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.

There will be no Spanish Mass on Sunday 4 October.

**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: Sr Winifred

Anniversaries: Jem Clare

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 3/4 October

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Brenda Byrne	Espi Tilbrook
Proclaimer 2	Mary Kralj	John Van Der Linden
Welcomer	Paul Knobloch	Erica Badics

Roster:

Projectionist		Frank
Ministry	Sandiwa	Folk Group



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

WATCH THIS SPACE, FOR WOMEN ONLY!

3 weeks to go



Are you a regular at this parish and still don't know anyone but would like to broaden your faith journey and at the same time your network of friends?

If your answer is yes, please take note of our Christian Life Program (CLP) for women via Zoom starting 11 October, Sunday, 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.

NOARLUNGA SEAFORD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following people are representatives for the Noarlunga Seaford Parish Pastoral Council:

Paul Rijken	<i>Chairperson</i>
Nick Wright	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Dennis McCarthy	<i>Minute Secretary</i>
Toni Fishlock	<i>Parish Manager</i>
John McMahon	Richard Baxter
Charl Abd-Elmalk	Katelin Lawrie
James McBride	Sarah Hart
Paul Knobloch	Kevin Barry

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Sept 28	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Sept 29	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Sept 30	Mass at 9.15am—SCC Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Oct 1	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	Oct 2	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Oct 3	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Oct 4	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 3rd 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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opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will? 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

EXPLORING THE WORD

A great deal has happened since last week's gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Mt 21:1-11) and has taken possession of the Temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father's house (Mt 21:12-17). The crisis point of Jesus' ministry has arrived and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities.

The point of this text is that it is not the 'conventionally religious', who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals, who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God's will and so will become the sons and

daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness, he lived it. Jesus describes him as 'a pattern of true righteousness' (Mt 21:32) and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life.

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing, but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Therese of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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).