



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SECOND 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

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*(Please submit newsletter items to the Parish Office by 11.30am each Wednesday)*

#### • SEAFORD

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### CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

### REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

#### • SATURDAY EVENING

6.00pm - St Luke's, Noarlunga

#### • SUNDAYS

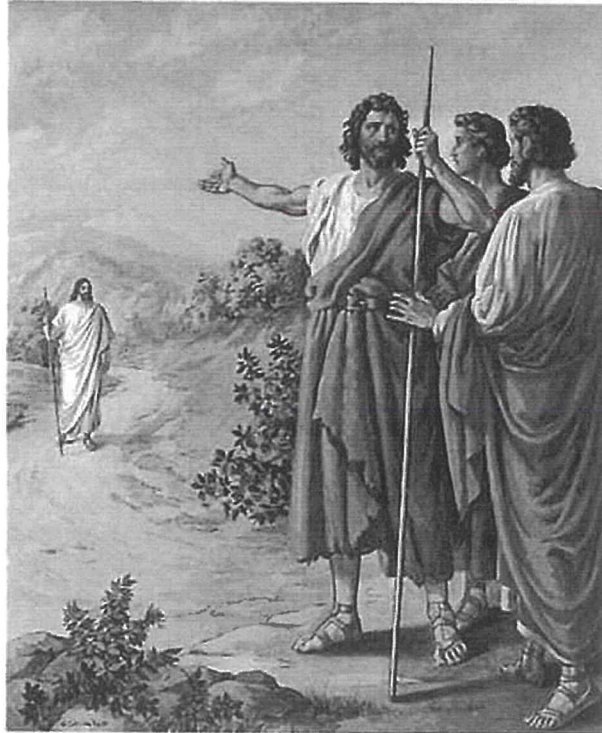
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

10.45am - SCC, Seaford

11.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Spanish

2.00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Filipino

5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 39:2, 4, 7-10*

*Here I am, Lord;*

*I come to do your will.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother

Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 1:14, 12*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*John 1:29-34*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising

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**COMPLIANCE WITH  
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 13/01/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The title of 'Lamb of God' would have suggested the Passover feast to those listening to John. At that time, sacrificial lambs were slaughtered in the temple, recalling the blood of the lambs that was shed so that Israel could be spared death and freed from slavery in Egypt. Read the story of this deliverance in Exodus 12.
- Now that the Christmas cycle is completed, the Church enters what is known as 'Ordinary Time' for a period. (This will be interrupted for the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.)
- Ordinary Time does not mean a time that is commonplace or unremarkable. The name derives from the word ordinal, which means 'counted and sequential'.

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with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**BACKGROUND ON THE  
GOSPEL READING**

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptises with water; Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's

baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- How do you witness to the Chosen One of God?
- Twice John says that he did not know Jesus himself, but that Jesus was revealed to him by God. What was it that first revealed Jesus to you?
- What sin of the world is in need of redemption today?
- Have you ever been an eye witness to something significant, either in your family or in the wider community? How did you bear witness to this event? What effect did it have on you?

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(16 - 22 January)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 5:1-10 ; Mk 2:18-22)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Anthony (Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Mk 3:7-12)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday Ord Time 2 (Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19)
- **Saturday, 21:** St Agnes (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21)
- **Sunday 22:** 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23)

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8382 1717; or in an emergency 0452 524 169.