



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 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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Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

### **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 PRIEST**

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
(8382 1717; 0421 074 212  
[okwadha@yahoo.com](mailto:okwadha@yahoo.com))

#### **• 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 – SCC  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

### **REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **• SATURDAY EVENING**

6.00pm - St Luke's, Noarlunga

#### **• SUNDAYS**

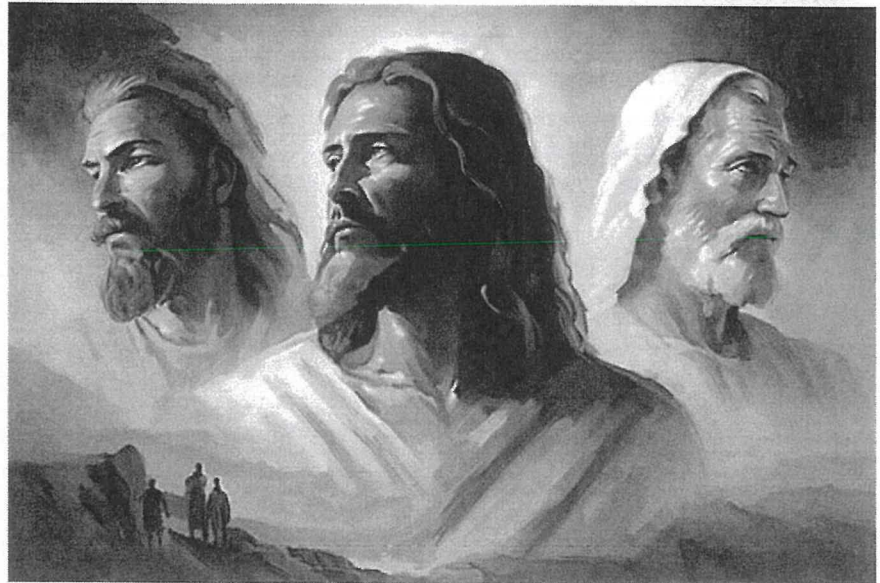
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

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**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as

the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 115:10, 15-19**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

*From the shining cloud,  
the Father's voice is heard:*

*this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!*

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**There will be a 7:00pm Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm every Friday during Lent.**

**Regional Assembly Gathering**

All parishioners are invited to the Regional Assembly Day to share and discern our future as parish and church with participants from other parishes in our region on Saturday, 9 March 2024 at Cardijn College from 9:30am to 4:30pm followed by Mass in St Luke's at 5 pm.

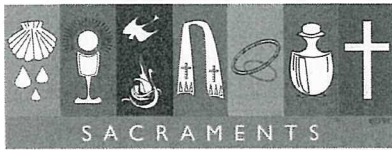
The Regional Gathering provides an opportunity for parishioners from our regional parishes to gather together to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs and collaborate on our missionary action as a parish.

Please register your name and details on the sheet at the foyer information desk – more details about the day at the desk. **Lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.**

**SOLEMNITIES IN MARCH**

**St Patrick**, Patron Saint of Australian Catholics  
Monday, 18 March  
Mass at 9:00am and 7:30pm - St Luke's

**St Joseph**, Spouse of Mary - Tuesday, 19 March  
Mass at 9:00am and 7:30pm - St Luke's



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** will commence at St Luke's in February 2024.

If you would like your child to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 to register or for more information.



**Second Sunday of Lent: 24/25 February**

**Ronita is 22.** She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Church Cleaning**

For weekend 2/3 March  
Cleaning: Volunteer  
Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

**Finances : February**

For weekend 17/18 February  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$831.00  
Support for Archdiocesan Priests  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$396.00 (29 envelopes)  
Open Plate \$650.00  
Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the community.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office Hours  
Tuesday to Friday  
10.00am—2.30pm

For any emergencies please contact  
Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or  
Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

**Noticeboard:**

2024 Upcoming Courses  
2024 Charis SA Services



**Community Open Day**

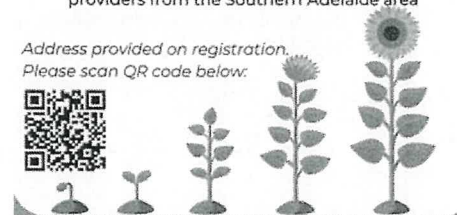
**Friday 1st March 10am-1pm**

The Yellow Gate is now operating, providing Domestic Violence Recovery and Prevention support services for women

**Please join us for our community open day**

It will be an inspiring day of presentations, stalls, and activities with local businesses and service providers from the Southern Adelaide area

Address provided on registration.  
Please scan QR code below.



**Mum2Mum Perinatal & Antenatal Program South Australia**



Join us for FREE!  
Wednesday 28th of February  
10am - 12pm

A **MUMS GROUP** for vulnerable new and expecting mothers will start this month. It is a space for mothers to connect, learn and grow with like-minded ladies. This will be run with a pregnancy help centre called Diamond Women that aim to support women with any pregnancy support they need to encourage them to continue and thrive in their journey to motherhood. RSVP [simone@diamondwomen.com](mailto:simone@diamondwomen.com)

For expecting mothers/new mothers and partners who want to feel connected, equipped, and supported on their parenting journey.

**Pray for the healing of:** Pat Leahy, Terry Cahalan, Connie Anderson, Bill Tanti, James Stewart, Gentile Monardo, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

**Roster for weekend 2/3 March**

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
<b>P</b>	Fr Josy	Fr Josy	Fr Josy
<b>P1</b>	Denis Jones	Children's Mass	Children's Mass
<b>P2</b>	Dave Van Heerde	Children's Mass	Children's Mass
<b>W</b>	Christine Jones	Children's Mass	Children's Mass
<b>HC</b>	Raylee Crane	Thomas Harry	Wade Champion
	Kevin Barry	Angeline D'Cruz	Gabrielle Byrne
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			
<b>Music</b>	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm

**CHARIS SA PRESENTS:  
NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT  
By Spiritual Renewal Ministries**

Friday 8 March: 6:00pm to 9:00pm  
Saturday, 9 March: 9:30am to 4:00pm  
Sunday, 10 March: 11:00am to 4:00pm

St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich  
Coffee & tea provided : bring own lunch  
(Donations are appreciated)

**LADIES' COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**



Will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.  
Next morning tea will be on Friday, 8 March.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Will be on Saturday, 23 March.

All are welcome.



**CHILD PROTECTION**



Children who cannot be looked after by their own family must be looked after properly by people who respect their religion, culture and language.

**CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:00AM AND 5:30PM.**

**NEXT MASS WILL BE 3 MARCH.**

**WHAT'S ON**

- Mon 26 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
- Tues 27 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
- Wed 28 February Mass at 9:15am - SCC  
Craft Group at 10:00am  
Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
- Thurs 29 February Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
Prayer Meeting at 10:00am - St Luke's  
Benediction at 10:30am  
Rosary at 6:45pm - St Luke's  
RCIA at 7:00pm
- Fri 1 March Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's  
Mass 10.00am -St Luke's  
Ladies' Coffee and Cake  
Mass at 7:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross - St Luke's
- Sat 2 March Reconciliation at 9:00am -St Luke's  
Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
- Sun 3 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B  
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
Mass at 10:45am - SCC  
Spanish Mass at 11:00am - St Luke's  
Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

**Seaford News:**

**SCC ECUMENICAL LENT REFLECTION PROGRAM**

Two opportunities for coming together ecumenically in prayer and reflection on our response to God's gift of life during Lent.

**Ecumenical Lent Reflection Group** every Wednesday at 10:30am.

**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 11:30am

- Sr Bernardina Sontrop SGS

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with **Pietà**, an 80-page (full-colour book) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. There will also be visio divina ("divine seeing")—an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into a sacred image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us.



These **Lenten Booklets** are available from the Parish Office for \$10.00 each.

**Volunteer Police Clearances**

It is a legal requirement that all Parish Volunteers hold an up to date police clearance. If your clearance is about to expire, please contact the Parish Office for renewal.

**For parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, kindly wait until all the other parishioners have received Holy Communion in the hand.**

**Holy Communion on the tongue will be distributed by the priest. Please consume the host immediately.**

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Toni Fishlock (0417 801 241)

**BAPTISM of INFANTS**

Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of  
RECONCILIATION**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am  
or by appointment

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR**

Gabrielle Byrne  
Phone: 0422 804 579  
Email: [gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com)

**CHILD PROTECTION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

Contact - Gabrielle Byrne  
Phone: 0422 804 579  
Email: [gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com)

Child Protection Unit: 8210 8159

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chairperson - Paul Rijken

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP**

Chairperson - Margaret Burns

**PARISH SCHOOLS and  
COLLEGES**

- St John the Apostle (8382 2064)  
Principal - Leanne Johansen
- All Saints (8327 0020)  
Principal - Nick Wright
- Cardijn College (8392 9500)  
Principal - Steve Byrne  
Heads of Campus  
Marian - Wade Champion  
Galilee - Kerri Gould (8557 9000)  
Marcellin - Gianni Petrucci

**PRAYER FOR OUR  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Creator of all that is, we call on you to open our hearts to new life as we take part in our Regional Assembly through our presence and our prayer.

Jesus, our Companion on the journey, empower us to care for each other and our world with compassion as you have done.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life inspire us with wisdom to hear your call and the courage to respond.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

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**GOSPEL**

Amen

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**BELoved**

**(Mark 9: 2 - 10)**

The film "Dead Man Walking" tells the story of a nun (Sr Helen Prejean) as she accompanies a man (Robert) during the months leading up to his execution in the United States. Noticing how Robert tried to win the confidence of one of the wardens, who was a kind and fatherly figure, Sister Helen reflected:

Robert never really had a father. His father spent 27 of his 53 years in prison. It makes me think of my own father. It has to be one of life's most precious feelings to know that your dad is proud of you. I was my daddy's scholar, his scribe who kept the travel diary on family holidays. He always had a special tone in his voice when he introduced me to friends and colleagues. "And this is my daughter, Helen." In the presence of strangers I would fall silent, standing close to him, my hand holding on tightly to his. Afterwards, I would squeeze his hand tighter than ever and delight once more with chatter and questions. A child can sail to the moon with that feeling of security from a father.

This may help us to understand something of what the Tabor experience meant for Jesus. It came at a very difficult time in his life, a time of uncertainty and fear of the future. He was headed for Jerusalem, where he sensed that the same fate awaited him as befell all the prophets – a violent death. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. In order to reflect on it and pray about it, he climbed to the top of Mount Tabor.

We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain. But it seems that he had an intense experience of the presence of God. He heard those marvellous words: "You are my beloved Son." On Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that God was pleased with him, and would give him the strength to face a dark and threatening future. With God on his side, he could face anything.

At times life can become dark for all of us. There are a lot of voices which say to us: "You're good, but only if you're popular." But there is a still small voice which whispers to us in our hearts: "You are my beloved son/daughter." This is the voice we need to pay attention to. We must recognise that we are God's beloved children, and try to live our lives by the light of this truth.

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(26 February - 04 March)

- **Monday, 26:** Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 03:** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25)

**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.