



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

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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 - 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; [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**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 129**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he

who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 11:25, 26**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### **GOSPEL**

**John 11:1-45 (abridged)**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am and  
Wednesday 7pm-7.20pm or by  
appointment

Pastoral Coordinator:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Child Safe Contact Person:

Nicoline Henderson

0404 297 930

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:

Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:

Margaret Burns

Parish Schools and Colleges:

St John the Apostle 8382 2064

Principal - Ms Lee-Anne Johansen

All Saints 83270020

Acting Principal - Ms Megan Lovering

Cardijn College 8392 9500

Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

Heads of Campus:

Marian—Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

1 April

Cleaning: Paddy Lamb

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

Finances 18/19 March:

1st Collection \$828

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$389 (28 envelopes)

Open Plate \$660

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open

10.00am—3.00pm on

Tuesday—Friday

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

### Noticeboard:

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

22 Apr Spiritual Healing Retreat

20 May Youth Retreat

### Date Claimer:

21 May Marian Procession—at 2.00pm

## CHANGES TO COVID RULES ARE LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



### Fifth Sunday of Lent 25/26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 on the Information Desk, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, this year 16 April. Our celebration will be held at St Luke's Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 2pm, with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, with several priests available. This time includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3pm with the solemn blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

There will be no 5-30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

*Sunday 30 April 2000, Pope John Paul II announced, "First Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole world"*



**Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA  
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM**

**Pray for the healing of:** Angela Young, Catherine Kelley, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Joan Lavender, Astrid Houareau, Alison Pyne, Mark Malagoski, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Veronica Anderson, Raymond Peppin, Cate Lavelle, Mandy Ganzevoort



**Deceased:**

**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 1/2 April**

	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
P1	Brenda Byrne	Marie Lodge	Maria Thomas
P2	D van Heerde	Danielle Grieg	Paul Knobloch
W	Christine Jones	Espi Tilbrook	Therese Tanti
Music	Sandiwa	Folk Group	Thomas

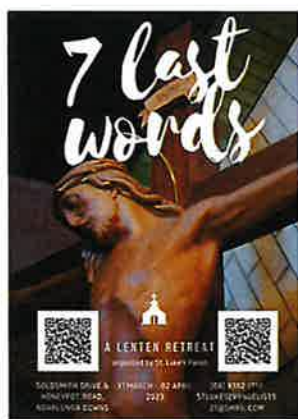


We welcome into our faith community

**Harrison Cowan  
Gabriel Yurchenka**

who were baptised during the month of March.

We wish them and their families God's richest blessings.



**7 LAST WORDS**

**Lenten Retreat at St Luke's**

Friday 31 March 7.00pm—9.30pm

Saturday 1 April 9.30am—9.30pm

Sunday 2 April 10.00am—5.15pm

Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS

Cost \$20 covers Saturday & Sunday lunch, morning & afternoon tea, Saturday dinner.

Please complete the registration form on the Information Desk.

Further details please contact Charl 0452 263 012.

All ages welcome.

**WHAT'S ON**

- Mon 27 Mar Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
- Tues 28 Mar Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Reconciliation 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Wed 29 Mar Mass at All Saints/SCC—9.15Am  
Craft Group 10.00am  
Mass at St John's—12.15pm  
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs 30 Mar Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Prayer Meeting—10.00am  
Benediction at 12.30pm  
Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
- Fri 31 Mar Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's  
Mass 10.00am—St Luke's  
Stations of the Cross—7.00pm—St Luke's
- Sat 1 Apr Men's Breakfast 8.00am  
Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 2 Apr Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's  
Mass at 10.45am—SCC  
Spanish Mass 11.00am—St Luke's

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 28 March—7.30pm

At St Luke's—several priests available.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday 1 April—8.00am

All welcome

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross 10.00am at St Luke's  
Movie—Passion of the Christ—7.00pm at St Luke's

**Holy Saturday**

Supper following the Easter Vigil at St Luke's  
Please bring a plate to share

**EASTER SERVICE TIMES—  
copies on Information Desk.**

**MAGI PILGRIMAGES**

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Joseph Abutu. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,340 AUD. Reserve your seats with 1000\$, and by sending a copy of passport. The fare includes Economy Return Airfares on premium Airlines + Stay in 4 star hotels+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 30 April 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or emailus [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

Further information on the Church noticeboard.

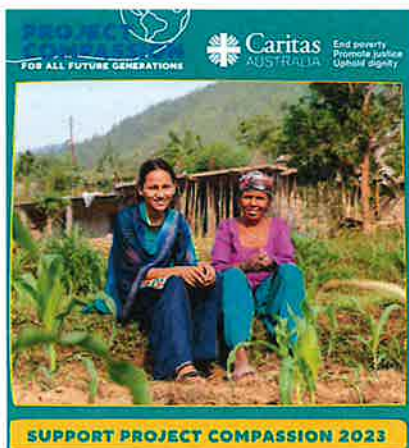
**COMPLIANCE WITH  
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**  
(Current from 23/03/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 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.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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?**

- Mary, Martha and Lazarus, named as special friends of Jesus, lived in Bethany, a small town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, just over the Mount of Olives.
- Popular Jewish belief was that the soul hovered near the body for three days after death. The 'fourth day' indicates that Lazarus is well and truly passed away, thus making his resuscitation even more amazing.
- The Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead at the end of time but the Sadducees did not.



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When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**DEATH NO LONGER PROUD**

A mother came up to me with her second-grade son at her side. She told me he had something he wanted to ask me. He held on to her hand tightly. The words clearly difficult for him to formulate. After some squirming and hesitating, he finally asked me if he could bury his deceased pet dog in the soil on the side of the church. I assured him that I could think of no more fitting a resting place for his pet to be buried. He was very relieved.

Among all the other benefits and good reasons for a child caring for a pet is that they often do teach a lesson in the reality of death. In our society, death seldom is experienced at home. We try to make it more palatable with wakes and memorial services. But it remains an unknown reality for many of us. And we tend to fear what we do not know. Witness how often the word death is used in titles of movies or books created to frighten us.

Death was much more visible in Jesus' time. Warm climates meant the necessity for quick burials. There is a finality about it. That is, until Jesus comes and rolls back the stone and calls his friend Lazarus out. After that moment, we realise death will never have the same hold over us.

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(27 March - 02 April)

- **Monday, 27:** Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Tues, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 30:** Thur, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 31:** Fri, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)
- **Saturday, 01:** Sat, 5<sup>th</sup> week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday 02:** PALM SUNDAY (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66)

**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.