



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C**

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## **NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

Cnr Goldsmith Drive and Honeypot Rd, (PO Box 406) NOARLUNGA, SA 5168 Phone: 8382 1717

*(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; 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**

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

## **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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**

*Phil 2:8-9*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 22:14-23:56*

*(heavily abridged)*

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left.

Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'

The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself,' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well,' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said.

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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

**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

Principal - Mrs Liz Keogh

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500

Principal - Dr P Rijken

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**

**16 April:**

Cleaning: Jane Van Viet &  
Pat Harrington

Vacuumping: Bill Aldridge

**Finances 2/3 April**

1st Collection \$667

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$682 (32 envelopes)

Open Plate \$563

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:**

Apr 21 Charismatic Mass



**Congratulations and  
God's Blessings  
to all who are celebrating  
a Birthday or Anniversary  
in April.**

## IMPORTANT COVID RULES ARE TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

These rules are listed on the back of this Newsletter.

### Sixth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**



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 [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2022

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 15 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019). This year the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

### RCIA

Please pray for the RCIA candidates as they complete their journey into full initiation in our faith at Easter.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CANCELLED ON HOLY THURSDAY.**

**Pray for the healing of:** Angela Young, Cherie Morrison, David Healey, Helen Byrne, Philip Peppin, Margaret Mottram, Joe Busuttill, Ivor Thomson, Ian Hamilton, Lucas Reekes-Parsons, William Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo, Pauline Wheeldon, Jack and Pat Vaughan, Catherine Kelly, Alex MacDonald



**Deceased:** Val Phillipson

**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).

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**Rosters for weekend 16/17 April**

The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

During the Sacred Triduum of Easter, people will be contacted to do various readings.

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**EASTER ARRANGEMENTS**

**Holy Thursday**

Seaford 7.00pm St Luke's 7.30pm

**Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross**

Seaford 9.00am St Luke's 10.00am

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

St Luke's 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday** St Luke's 8.00pm

**Easter Sunday**

St Luke's 9.00am Seaford 10.45am

- Easter service times are available on the Information Desk. Please take a few copies for those you may visit and pop in your neighbour's letterbox. Times are also available on the noticeboard and on our website.
  - There will not be 9am Mass or Adoration on Holy Thursday.
  - The Church will be open until 10.30pm on Holy Thursday night.
  - There will not be Sunday night Mass on Easter Sunday.
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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Volunteers are needed to wash the church linen. If you can help please contact the Parish office.

Readers and Welcomers  
please collect your roster from the  
Information Desk

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon April 11 Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Tues April 12 Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
St John's Liturgy—10.00am  
Wed April 13 Mass SCC—9.15am  
St Luke's Craft Group 10.00am  
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's  
Thurs April 14 Prayer Meeting 10am  
Mass SCC—7.00pm  
Mass St Luke's—7.30pm  
Fri April 15 Stations of the Cross—9.00am—SCC  
Stations of the Cross—10.00am—St Luke's  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
3.00pm—St Luke's  
Sat April 16 Reconciliation St Luke's—9.00am  
Easter Vigil at St Luke's—8.00pm  
Sun April 17 Easter Sunday  
Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's  
Mass at 10.45am—SCC

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St Luke's Church on Sunday 24 April from 2pm with Benediction, Holy Mass at 3pm and solemn blessing of the image of Divine Mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 2pm. All welcome.

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**HOME VISITS**

Do you know of someone in the Parish who is housebound or sick who would like to receive Communion or a blessing from a priest?

For Covid sufferers Communion can be left on the doorstep in a pyx.

If so could you please give their details to the Parish Office on 8382 1717 so a visit can be arranged.

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**SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Ecumenical liturgy of the word and washing of the feet followed by Communion in our own Catholic tradition.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

9.00 am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Ecumenical Way of the Cross.

As there are parishioners who have not been vaccinated for various reasons we ask you to please ensure you abide by the Government guidelines regarding social distancing when attending Church services.



## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 06/04/22)

- As of March 12 there are no density limits for places of worship. Churches may return to full capacity.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (An official medical certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Please keep in mind the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log -both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:  
Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

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'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done no wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

### PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. For many years, too, it has been the occasion of marches for refugees throughout Australia. The Christian story that underlies Palm Sunday encourages this concern for refugees. At one level it describes what God is doing; at another level it describes what human beings are doing. The Son of God enters the centre of the people whom he has chosen in order to win and to heal them. Jesus, an undefended human being, enters the city only to be rejected and ejected both from city and life. The week is a reflection on God's hospitality and human inhospitality.

In the Gospel story Jesus enters Jerusalem with the trappings of royal power – not walking but riding, and attended with people waving branches and singing. The trappings, however, were a mockery and critique of the way power was exercised in human affairs. He had only a few followers. They were unarmed. And he came, not on a horse but on a donkey, a domestic animal on which any rider looked graceless. It was a comic scene. He came to the seat of power as a simple human being, requesting hospitality for his words. The authorities perceived both his lack of power and his insolence and had him killed in a way that erased all traces of his humanity.

The story of Palm Sunday speaks to the experience of refugees. Like Jesus in his entry into Jerusalem, unarmed refugees also seek hospitality in

centres of power. Like him, too, they are perceived as a threat, are driven off, imprisoned, maligned and left resourceless. They make us ask what a human being is worth when stripped of power and connections. Palm Sunday and the vindication of Jesus at Easter answers that question. Each human being is worth living and dying for. God has done so.

This year we all have in our minds and hearts people who have been forced to leave Ukraine. They will seek hospitality in European nations that proved inhospitable to earlier Middle Eastern refugees. Palm Sunday is a day to grieve for them and to be in solidarity with them in their need for food, shelter and opportunity to live with dignity.

This year, too, is a day for us Australians to welcome the refugees who have settled in Australia and especially the Afghan people who still await the visas promised them months earlier. It is also a day to remember the suffering of refugees in Australia who are forced to live from hand to mouth on temporary visas. Palm Sunday is about an extravagant hospitality that trumps all human inhospitality. Visas are about enabling life and new beginnings. Temporary visas put healthy people on life support unable to live fully. People found to be refugees deserve better.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 April)

- **Monday, 11:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 14:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)
- **Friday, 15:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19;42)
- **Saturday, 16:** Easter Saturday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- **Sunday 17:** Sunday of the Resurrection

### SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### 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.

**COVIDSAFE**  
Let's continue to be a *church*