



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 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)*

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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;  
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Fr Dominick Okwadha  
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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 – 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

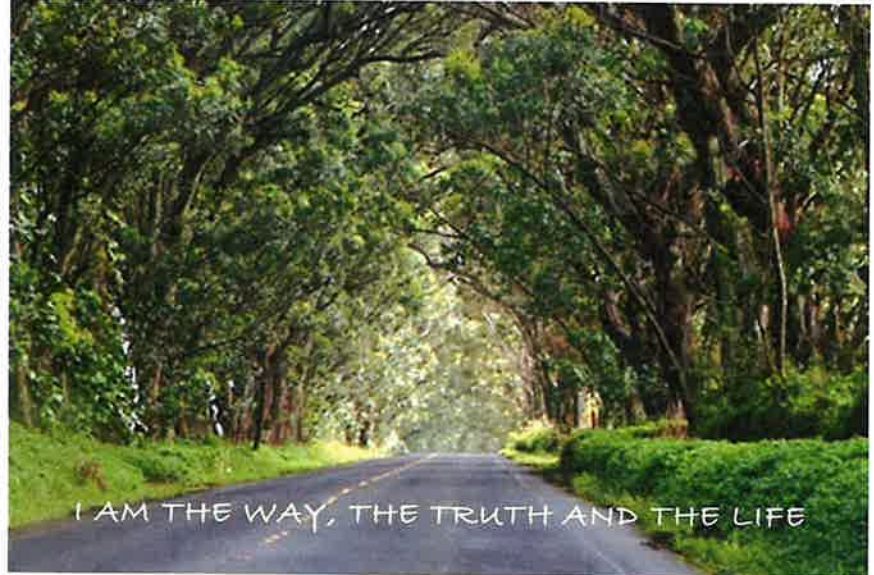
9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga

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

*Acts 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 14:6*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the  
Father, except through me.*

*Alleluia!*

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**Baptism of Infants:** 8382 1717

**Children's Faith Formation**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am  
or by appointment

**Pastoral Coordinator:**

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**Child Safe Contact Person:**

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

**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 - Mr Nick Wright

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500

Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

**Heads of Campus:**

Marian — Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni Petrucci

**Church Cleaning**

13 May

Cleaning: Lyn Finkers

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

**Finances 29/30 April:**

1st Collection \$648

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$440 (31 envelopes)

Open Plate \$515

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:

April-July Centacare Family Courses

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

25 May Spiritual Healing Retreat

20 May Youth Retreat

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

### COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

During May the Archdiocese of Adelaide will be conducting a count of attendance (divided into age groups and gender) at all Masses commencing on the weekend of 6/7 May. Forms will be at the Church entrance to record numbers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### MONTH OF MARY—MAY DEVOTIONS

**Every Saturday** in May rosary will be recited at 5.30pm conducted by one of the Parish Groups, followed by evening Mass at 6.00pm

**Wednesday 31 May**—The Feast of Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be at 7.30pm followed by Marian procession and concluding with supper. (Pizza/soft drink/coffee, tea and chocolates for children)



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There will be an information session for all parents of the children who will undertake the Sacramental Program in 2023.

This meeting will be held in St Luke's on Wednesday 7 June—6-7pm.

For further information please contact

Garbielle 0422 804 579



### MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be available after each Mass this weekend or from the church office until Wednesday

Father Josy is inviting children of the parish  
who would like to be

*Baptised*

the opportunity to be baptised  
on Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY MAY 28 9AM

ST LUKE'S

Please contact Gabrielle at the church office  
if you would like to take up this opportunity



**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, Harry Borg, Norleen Zarah, Connie Anderson, Gerry Rice



**Deceased:** Grace Wong

**Anniversaries:** Tony Shaw, Brian Hemming,

*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 13/14 May

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Christine Jones	Judy Crouch	Paul Knobloch
P2	Christine Challis	Marie Lodge	Yvonne Bennett
W	Annabelle F	Erica Badics	Thomas Harry
Music:	Children's	Folk Group	

### YOUTH RETREAT WHO AM I IN CHRIST?

Guest Speaker Sian Paul

Saturday 20 May

10.30am—3.00pm

8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich

Praise and Worship—Teaching—Activities—

Reflection—Mass—Adoration

Tea and coffee provided

Contact: 0450 651 900

All ages welcomed.



**Cleaners are urgently needed at St Luke's for Church cleaning.**  
**If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.**

### Congratulations and God's Blessings

to all who are celebrating  
Birthday or Anniversary  
in May.



### BOTTLES & CANS COLLECTION

Thank you to parishioners who donated their bottles and cans and to the men who organize this collection. An amount of \$273.00 has been donated to the parish.



Next fund raiser for World Youth Day will be weekend 20-21 May

### WHAT'S ON

Mon	8 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	9 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	10 May	Mass at SCC—9.15am Craft Group St Luke's—10.00am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	11 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	12 May	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	13 May	Reconciliation at 9.00am—St Luke's Rosary 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	7 May	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Mass at 5.30pm—St Luke's

### PILGRIMAGE OF THANKSGIVING

The Knights of the Southern Cross in South Australia are completing their centenary celebrations with a Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving of the MacKillop Cross.

It is their intention to display the cross at St Luke's on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June.

### MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) processing up King William St to Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the *Feast of the Visitation* in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220.



**CANCER COUNCIL**  
*Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*

*Delicious Brunch, Raffles, Quizzes*

**Date: Thursday May 25th**

**Venue: SCC/SEM Cafe**

**Time: 11am**

**Cost: \$15 pp**

**Come along and support those impacted by cancer**

**Tickets available at SCC/SEM Cafe Tuesday- Friday: 9am-1pm**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 05/05/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

### EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

### DID YOU NOW?

This text comes from a long section of John's Gospel known as the 'farewell discourse', during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps this echoes something of your own experience of the period of mystagogy.

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## GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

### HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?

Thomas is the practical apostle. He had very little religious imagination. As we know, he couldn't invest himself in the resurrection of Jesus without hands-on experience of it. Here, we find that he isn't going to buy into the reign of God unless he can find it on MapQuest. And Jesus humours him by offering him something better than a roadmap: himself.

### 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.

Jesus is the way. What does that mean? A generation ago, Christian bumper stickers read, "One Way," with an arrow pointing upwards. But maybe a more theologically accurate sign would point through - through the heart of the world, into the depths of humanity until we find the central spot where the Spirit dwells in us. It takes a lot of stillness, a lot of contemplation and quiet, to find that place. We can contemplate the world, in its beauty and suffering, or our own lives, or Scripture or the image of the cross. The mystery of the Kingdom is not "up" from here, but in our midst. We are the Body of Christ. If we're looking for Jesus, and the way, the yellow brick road starts right here. *GPBS eNews*

When you think of Jesus' good works, what's the first one you think of? Healing the blind man? Feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fish? Raising Lazarus from the dead? Jesus does these things to show he is the Son of God. But behind these works is Jesus' great love. When Jesus says those who believe in him will be able to do his great works, he isn't just talking about the Apostles. He's talking about us. When we believe in Jesus and let Jesus' love fill our hearts, we can do anything in Jesus' name. We really can! *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 15 May)

- **Monday, 08:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)
- **Tuesday, 09:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)
- **Thursday, 11:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> week Easter (Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)
- **Sunday 14:** Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 4:15-21)