



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 2.30pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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

• SEAFORD

Please contact the Parish Office -
8382 1717

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 - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish
2.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!*

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R)
2. Let your love be ready to console

Saints of the Week

Mon, 27 July - Sts Natalie and Aurelius

Tues, 28 July - St Alphonsa of India, ann St Innocent I, pope

Wed, 29 July - Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thurs, 30 July – Sts Solanus Casey, Leopold Mandic and Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

Fri, 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola

Sat, 1 Aug - St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

Sun, 2 Aug - Sts Peter Juliard Eymard and Eusebius of Vercelli



St Luke's Parish Music Ministry

Our parish warmly invites all current members of our music ministry, as well as anyone interested in exploring this important ministry, to a day of formation, fellowship, and learning on Saturday, 19th September from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

Please bring your own lunch. Donations of food or refreshments to share throughout the day would be greatly appreciated.

For further information, please speak to Maria Dixon (Music Ministry Co-ordinator), Sisilina Saukuru or reach out via parish FB.

Altar Linen Laundry Roster

Month July - Angie Hakim

Month August - Mary Thomson

Church Cleaning

For weekend: 1 August

Cleaning: TBA

Vacuuming: TBA

Finances:

For weekends 18/19 July

1st Collection Support for

Archdiocese/Priests \$850.00

2nd Collection \$705.00

(21 envelopes)

Open Plate \$544.00

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 Dominick on 0421 074 212 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241

Roster for weekend 1/2 August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 9:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
P1	Brenda Byrne	Maria Nolan	Children's Mass	Angela McDonagh Musician Psalm
P2	David Van Heerde	Ronan Thomas	Children's Mass	Anne Craig
W	Annabelle Fernandes	Alvin Abd Elmalk	Children's Mass	Jan Hicks
HC	Raylee Crane Sheralee Van Heerde	Maria Thomas Thomas H Elias	Gabrielle Byrne Theresa Tanti	Judith Botha
Children's Liturgy		Joanna and team		Dolores McCluskey

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 26 July 2026

Today the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a day that invites us not only to give thanks, but to reflect more deeply on the place of older people within the life of our families, our communities, and our Church. This year's theme, "*I will never forget you*" from the prophet Isaiah, is first and foremost a word spoken by God. It is a promise of enduring love and fidelity: no matter our age, our frailty, or our circumstances, we are never forgotten by God. Again and again in the Scriptures, we encounter a God who remembers, a God who remembers the covenant, who remembers the people, who remains faithful across time. This divine remembering is not passive; it is active, life-giving, and sustaining. In a particular way, we see this faithfulness reflected in the lives of grandparents and the elderly among us. They are living witnesses to God's presence over time. They carry within them the memory of faith that has endured, deepened, and been handed on. In them, we glimpse the continuity of God's love across generations.

For this reason, the Church recognizes the later years of life not simply as a stage, but as a true vocation. Grandparents and the elderly have a unique and irreplaceable role within the Body of Christ. They keep us connected to the roots of our faith. They pass on wisdom, stories, and belief to younger generations. And they fulfil a profound mission of intercession, holding families, communities, and the world in prayer. Their presence among us is not incidental; it is a gift and a grace, a sign of God's enduring faithfulness. At the same time, this day gently challenges us. The words "I will never forget you" are also a question for us: do we always remember? We live in a culture that can move quickly, that can prize independence and productivity, and that can sometimes leave people feeling invisible or isolated. Pope Francis has spoken often of a "throw-away culture", and the elderly can be among those most affected by it. Today calls us to a different way of seeing and living: one shaped by the Gospel, where every person is recognized, valued, and included.

This has very real and practical implications. It asks us to notice who is not here, who may be unable to join us, who may be homebound, who may be longing for connection. It invites us to reach out in simple but meaningful ways: a visit, a conversation, a gesture of care. It also calls us, as a community, to ensure that older people are able to participate as fully as possible in the life of the Church, especially in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the heart of our communal life. Ultimately, this day reminds us that the Church is a communion across generations. Young and old belong together. The energy and hope of youth, and the wisdom and memory of age, are not in competition; they are gifts that enrich one another. When we gather as the Body of Christ, we gather as one family, bound together by faith, memory, and love. So today, we give thanks for the grandparents and elderly among us: for their witness, their faith, and their quiet, faithful presence. And we commit ourselves anew to being a community that remembers: a community that honours, includes, and cherishes every generation. For in a world that can so easily forget, we are called to be a people who remember, because we belong to a God who never forgets us.

Pray for the healing of: Eugene Byrne, Liz Stanley, George Ainscow, Mary O'Donnell, Michael Haigh, Michele Tanielu, Katie Scharpnel, Paul Herraman, Virginia Hayek, Gregory Cahill, Jade Robusti, Catherine Kelley, Wayne Kelley, Noni O'Brien, Bob Neville, David McNamara, Heather D'Cruz, Pat Leahy, Neville D'Cruz, Rosalie Jacques, Rebecca Dawson, Lili Ware, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Cate Lavelle, Astrid Houareau

Deceased:

Anniversaries:



**Mass Times for the Solemnity of
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)**



**Friday, 14 August
Vigil Mass at 7:30pm St Luke's**

**Saturday, 15 August
Mass at 10:00am St Luke's**

Please note: Saturday Mass at 6:00pm is the Vigil for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **NOT** for the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Blessing of Significant
Wedding Anniversaries**



If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, we invite you to let the parish office know of their details by Friday, 4th Sept so they can be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on Sunday, 20th September 2026 to be held in our Parish at the 9:00am Mass.

Upcoming Dates:

National Census – Tuesday 11th August 2026

National Vocations Awareness Week
From W/E 1/2 August until 8/9 August 2026

✠ Join the Coober Pedy Pilgrimage! ☺

Adelaide University Catholic Society (AUCS) invites Catholics aged 18–40 to be part of Santiago's Call Pilgrimage — a powerful journey of faith, friendship, and discovery from 10 - 17th August 2026

To find out more, scan the QR code on the flyer or contact co-ordinators: Ada Wycinka, Sisilina Saukuru, or Shan Emir Mendoza visit their website:
catholicsociety@clubs.youx.org.au

SAFEGUARDING



Governments must respect families' role in guiding children to responsibly understand and respect their rights.

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

**NEXT CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST.**

WHAT'S ON

Mon, 27 July	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues, 28 July	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Children's Sacramental Program at 5:00pm - Meeting Room
Wed, 29 July	Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC Craft Group at 10:00am - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs, 30 July	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Group at 10:00am - St Luke's Rosary at 6:30pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm - Meeting Room
Fri, 31 July	Rosary at 9:00am - St Luke's Benediction at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass 10:00am - St Luke's Adoration at 6:00pm - St Luke's Santiago's Commissioning Mass at 7:00pm - St Luke's
Sat, 1 Aug	Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun, 2 Aug	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 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 Christian Churches

811 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)



<https://www.facebook.com/SeafordChristianChurches/mentions/>

Christian Meditation: Saturday 9:00am. For further information contact Jan Hicks 8327 0596.

Volunteers needed for a few hours a week: Gardening Group, Op shop team, Cafe. For further information contact: Admin Office: 7071 9297 Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9-2pm

Op shop: Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am-4:00pm for purchases and donations.

SCC TOWN SQUARE CAFE: NEW OPENING HOURS
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am-1:30pm
Coffee, cake, light meals and sandwiches.

Every Friday: Special Roast and dessert includes tea/coffee \$14. Booking essential Contact Cafe Manager Cathy 08 7071 9237

SCC Emergency Food: Our food pantry is in need of:
Tins of Fruit, Vegetables and Tuna Bake Sauce. Thank you, your generosity is appreciated by those in need.

Holy Rosary: Starting Sunday, 2nd August 2026, the Rosary will be prayed 15 minutes before the 9:00am and 5:30pm Masses.
All are warmly invited to join in this time of quiet prayer and preparation.

The Noarlunga/Seaford Prayer Meeting Group meets every Thursday, at 10:00am to 12:00pm. For more information, ring Angie on 8382 7257. All welcome!

**NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD
CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10.00am - 2.30pm
For any emergencies, please contact:
Fr Dominick (0421 074 212)

BAPTISM of INFANTS

Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of
RECONCILIATION**

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am
or by appointment

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR

Gabrielle Byrne (0422 804 579)
Email: gabrielle1956.gb@gmail.com

**INTEGRITY AND SAFE-
GUARDING DEPARTMENT**

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

Integrity & Safeguarding: 8210 8159
(select option 2)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson - Danielle Greig

PARISH LITURGY GROUP

**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 - Liam Brooks



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GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**THE TREASURE WE
ALMOST MISSED**

There was once a woman who spent many years searching for something she felt was missing. She travelled to different places, read countless books, listened to inspiring speakers and constantly looked for the moment when everything would finally make sense.

She believed that somewhere ahead of her was the thing she needed. A new opportunity. A new experience. A new achievement. Something that would bring lasting peace and fulfilment.

One day, while walking along a familiar path near her home, she noticed an elderly neighbour sitting quietly outside. They began talking, and the woman shared her search for something more. The neighbour smiled and said, "Sometimes we spend so much time looking for treasure that we fail to notice what has been with us all along."

The woman thought about those words. She began to look differently at her life. She noticed the kindness of people who had supported her. She appreciated the simple conversations she had rushed through before. She saw the beauty in moments she had considered ordinary. She realised that the treasure she had been searching for was not hidden somewhere far away. It had been present in the relationships, blessings and moments of grace surrounding her every day.

Jesus tells us this week that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The person who discovers it recognises its value and responds with great joy.

The challenge of this parable is that the treasure is not always obvious. We can become so focused on what we think we need next that we overlook the gifts already placed in our hands. We can chase what is impressive and miss what is meaningful. We can search for God in extraordinary moments while overlooking the quiet ways God is already present.

Perhaps the invitation for us is not always to find something new, but to see something familiar with new eyes. The people around us, the opportunities before us, the moments of generosity, forgiveness and love may be the very places where God has hidden the treasure.

The question is not only, "Where can I find God?" It is also, "Where have I failed to notice that God is already here?"
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 July - 02 August)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11 ; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22 ; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6 ; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9 ; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24 ; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 02:** 18 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

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.
In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).