



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

18TH 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)

Email: nswcp@tpg.com.au

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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

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

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Saints of the Week

Mon, 3 Aug - Sts Lydia Purpuraria and Dominic

Tues, 4 Aug - St John Vianney

Wed, 5 Aug - Our Lady of the Snows
Dedication of the Basilica of
St Mary Major

Thurs, 6 Aug – The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Fri, 7 Aug - Sts Cajetan and Pope
Sixtus II and companions, martyrs

Sat, 8 Aug - St Mary of the Cross
McKillop

Sun, 9 Aug - St Teresa Benedicta of
the Cross

Roster for weekend 8/9 August - 19th 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	Christine Jones	Tinna Buenviaje	Michael Pols	Sage Tadura
P2	Denis Jones	Angeline D'Cruz	Yvonne Bennett	Kris Lazell
W	Annabelle Fernandes	Mel Buenviaje	Gabrielle Byrne	Jim Fenoughty
HC	Kevin Barry Minty Mohoney	Raylee Crane David Crane	Theresa Tanti Sheralee Van Heerde	Mary Fenoughty
Children's Liturgy			Joanna and team	Dolores McCluskey



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.



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



National Vocations Awareness Week

From W/E 1/2 August until 8/9 August 2026

There will be a Holy Hour at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Tuesday, 4 August at 6:30pm for National Vocations Awareness Week. Refreshments will be provided.

Beyond the Collar and Veil

Vocations Adelaide presents Beyond the Collar and Veil with
Fr Anthony Beltrame and Sr M Olivia Lukaszewicz.

Day and Date: Friday, 7 August

Times: 6:00pm Dinner and 7:00pm Interviews

Venue: Wakefield Hotel

76 Wakefield St Adelaide SA 5000

Registration is essential. Scan the QR Code to register.



Registration Essential

Altar Linen Laundry Roster

Month August - Mary Thomson

Month Sept - Annabelle Fernandes

Church Cleaning

For weekend: 8 August

Cleaning: TBA

Vacuuming: TBA

Finances:

For weekends 25/26 July

1st Collection Support for

Archdiocese/Priests \$856.00

2nd Collection \$375.00

(22 envelopes)

Open Plate \$656.00

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

Sunday Morning Tea

All who join us for Sunday morning Mass are warmly invited to stay a little longer and share in the fellowship of our parish community. *"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you"* (Romans 15:7). The spirit of welcome is at the heart of our outreach teams simple offering of tea, cake, and conversation.

Please support and encourage this wonderful team by pausing with us after Mass – enjoy a cuppa, share a chat, and savour the gentle gift of community. Whether you are new, visiting, or long-time parish family, your presence enriches us.

Thank you, and may this small act of hospitality brighten your Sunday.



Sacrament of Confirmation and Blessing of Significant Wedding Anniversaries: 20 September 2026



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be celebrating Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 20 September at 10:00am at St Luke's. He will also give a blessing to anyone celebrating a special wedding anniversary.

PLEASE NOTE: 9:00am Mass at St Luke's and 10:45am Mass at Seaford will be cancelled that Sunday. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend the celebrations at the 10:00am Mass at St Luke's.

If you or anyone you know is sick or housebound and would like a priest to visit, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717. Thank you.

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: Paul Herraman

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 10:00am Mass.

National Census – Tuesday 11th August 2026

National Vocations Awareness Week

A special collection will be taken up next weekend 8/9 August for National Vocations Awareness.

✠ 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



Children have the right to healthcare, clean water, nutritious food, and a healthy environment.

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

**NEXT CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.**

WHAT'S ON

- Mon, 3 Aug Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
- Tues, 4 Aug Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Children's Sacramental Program at 5:00pm - Meeting Room
Cancer Support group at 6:30pm
- Wed, 5 Aug Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC
Craft Group at 10:00am - St Luke's
PPC Executive Meeting at 5:00pm
Music Ministry Meeting at 6:00pm
Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
- Thurs, 6 Aug 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, 7 Aug 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
- Sat, 8 Aug Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's
- Sun, 9 Aug 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass at 10:45am - SCC
Filipino Mass at 2:00pm - 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/>

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd,
SCC 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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 this 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.

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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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When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.'

But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

THE GIFT THAT WAS ENOUGH

There is a story told about a small coastal town that decided to rebuild an old community garden that had been neglected for many years. The garden had once been a place where people gathered, shared food and connected with one another, but over time the weeds had taken over and fewer people noticed it. A local group decided it was time to bring it back to life and invited the whole community to help.

On the first day, people arrived carrying different things. Some brought gardening tools, some brought plants, some brought knowledge and experience, and others simply brought their willingness to help. Among them was an older woman who arrived quietly carrying a small packet of seeds. She apologised that she did not have much to offer and said, "I know this isn't much compared to what others have brought." But she carefully planted the seeds and continued to visit the garden each week, watering them and caring for them.

Months later, the garden began to flourish. The vegetables grown there were shared with people who needed support, children learned about caring for creation, neighbours who had never spoken before became friends, and the once forgotten space became a place of life and connection. When people asked what had made the biggest difference, many pointed to the small packet of

seeds that had been planted at the beginning.

The woman smiled and said, "I thought I was bringing something small. I didn't realise what God could do with it."

The story of the loaves and fish reminds us that Jesus is not limited by what we think is too little. The miracle began with someone willing to offer what they had. The same invitation is given to each of us today. We often convince ourselves that our contribution is too small, our voice is not important enough, our time is too limited or our gifts are not significant. Yet the Gospel challenges us to stop measuring the size of our offering and start trusting the power of God working through it.

The world does not need more people waiting until they have everything perfectly organised before they make a difference. It needs people willing to offer what they already have with generosity, courage and love. A small act of kindness, a moment of encouragement, a choice to forgive, a willingness to serve or a decision to include someone who feels forgotten can become the beginning of something much bigger.

The question Jesus asks us today is not "Do you have enough?" The question is "Are you willing to share what you have?" Because when ordinary people place ordinary gifts into God's hands, extraordinary things can happen.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 August - 09 August)

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19th Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

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).