



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

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

• SEAFORD

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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

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

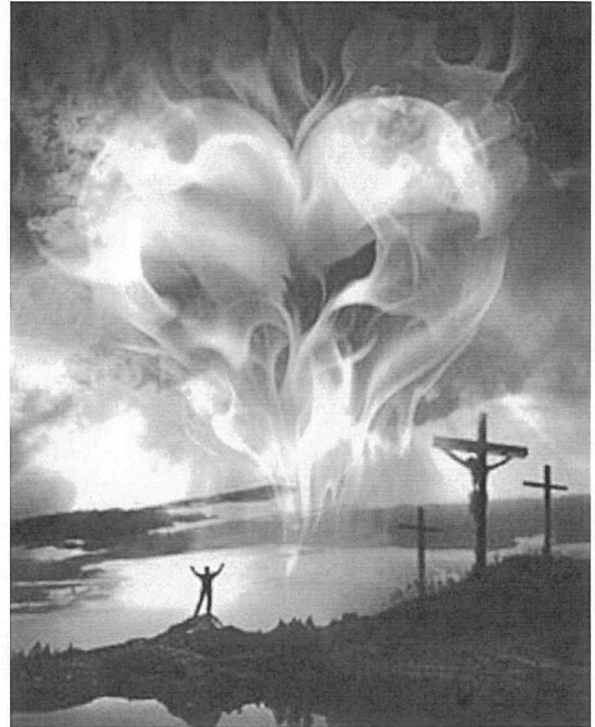
Psalm 39:2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he



stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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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
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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
 Acting Principal - Mr Patrick Harmer
 Heads of Campus:
 Cardijn College—Mr Wade Champion
 Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000
 Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning
20/21 August:
 Cleaning: Leona Tane
 Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

Finances 6/7 August
 1st Collection \$ 625
 Support for Archdiocesan Priests
 2nd Collection \$ 467 (28 envelopes)
 Open Plate \$ 490
 Thank you for your ongoing support and
 commitment to the community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10.00am—3.00pm
 Tuesday—Friday

For any emergencies please contact
 Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or
 Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:
 Aug 18 Charismatic Mass
 October In the Footsteps of Mary
 18—29 MacKillop—An Australian
 Pilgrimage

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

****Parishioners are reminded that this day is a day of Holy Obligation.****

Parish Mass times for Monday 15 August:

St Luke's	8.30am
Marcellin College	9.00am
St John's Christies Beach	9.30am
All Saints Seaford	10.15am
Cardijn Mass @ St Luke's	10.45am*
St Luke's	7.00pm

*Parishioners are welcome to celebrate Mass with the Cardijn students at St Luke's at 10.45am.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



Any Catholic adult who has been Baptised but not Confirmed and is interested in being Confirmed, is asked to contact Kathy Horan, Liturgy Educator, Office for Worship on 8210 8288.

There will be a preparation session for all candidates for Confirmation on **Sunday 21 October from 2.00pm-4.00pm.**

Celebration of Confirmation will be on Saturday 3 November at 3.30pm in the Cathedral.

Afternoon tea will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Today is the second weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptised we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, the Diaconate and the Priesthood.

LEAVING COLLECTION

There is a leaving collection today at all Masses for the support of all those studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese.

We currently have three seminarians, James Thomson, preparing to be ordained a Deacon and Blake Crossley and Josh McDermid, both on pastoral placement in the parishes of Salisbury and Lefevre Catholic Community respectively. Please remember them in your prayers along with those studying in the Ministry Formation Program and those preparing for the Diaconate.

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, Cherie Morrison, Ivor Thomson, Catherine Kelley, Alex MacDonald, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Gerry Rice, Suzanne Pearce, Joan Lavender, John Stanley, Gene Field, Pauline Gilbert, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Astrid Houareau, Mick Wood, David Healey, Noelene Zerah, Damian Mihalovic



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Jim Bennett, Chris Bennett, Annette Bennett, David J Bennett

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 20/21 August

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Christine Challis	Anton Gwiazda	Paul Knobloch
P2	Annabelle F	Julie Lindur	Rhea Thomas
W	Brenda Byrne	Marie Lodge	Ronan Thomas

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING DAY

**** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE ****

Apologies for any inconvenience but due to a change in circumstances the training day for all Eucharistic Ministers, current and new, will now be on Saturday **20 August** from 2.30-5.30pm.

This is for both Noarlunga and Seaford communities. Please reserve this date.

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO.....



- Has expressed an interest in being Catholic?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717 or email nswcp@tpg.com.au

HOME VISITING

Can you spare one hour every week or two to visit with a parishioner? We have many elderly and infirm parishioners who would benefit from having someone visit from our parish. For more information please contact Gabrielle in the Parish Office.

WHAT'S ON

- Mon 15 Aug Feast of the Assumption
Mass at 9.00am, 10.45am, 7pm—St Luke's
Mass at Marcellin College—9.-00am
Mass at St John's—9.30am
Mass at All Saints—10.15am
- Tues 16 Aug Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
- Wed 17 Aug Mass All Saints/SCC— 9.15am
Craft Group—10am
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs 18 Aug Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Prayer Meeting—10am
Benediction at 12.30pm
Rosary at 6.45pm
- Fri 19 Aug Feast of St Bernard
Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's
Mass 10am—St Luke's- Cardijn Kolbe House
- Sat 20 Aug Reconciliation St Luke's—9.00am
Training Eucharistic Ministers—2.30-5.30pm
Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 21 Aug Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's
Mass at 10.45am—SCC



We would like to thank Frs Josy and Dominick for their prayers, blessings and help during Carlo's long illness, and the service of celebration of his life.

Toni for her help in advising and preparing booklets etc.. Frank and John for their work behind the scene.

We would also like to thank Julia and her "little brood" who so efficiently provided yummy refreshments for all of us.

We would like to thank our wonderful community of St Luke's for always surrounding Carlo and myself with precious friendship, for attending the funeral, for flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy.... and all those who still give me a warm hug when they see me on a Sunday. It helps a lot. May God bless you all always.

Love from Angie Robusti and family.

FUNERAL REFRESHMENTS

Did you know – our “Tea & Sympathy” team have been in action, (barring COVID) since Sr Clare set us up in 2007? Volunteer numbers have sadly dropped off for a variety of good reasons, so we are urgently seeking more generous helpers. For 'job description' please contact Julia Macey – 83844036

In keeping with the sanctity of the Church parishioners are asked to not bring food or drink into the body of the church.

**We ask that any food or drink be kept to the foyer or outside the church.
This may be waived for babies and young children.**

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS
(Current from 10/08/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended by the Archbishop.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- 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

MASKS RECOMMENDED FOR EVERYONE

VACCINATED
and
UNVACCINATED

DID YOU KNOW?

The baptism that Jesus is still to experience is his death, his 'baptism of fire' or the persecution he undergoes because of his commitment to doing the will of the Father.

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EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished.

The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.

PRINCE OF PEACE?

Wow. Some Prince of Peace this guy was. Splitting up families, causing division. You sure you want in on this?

Jesus almost sounds sad in this Gospel passage. Maybe this story recalls one of the first times he realised people wouldn't accept his Good News. Maybe that reality crushed him.

I've seen that happen to a lot of young people after youth group meetings, retreats, or community service trips. They feel filled with Good News but run into friends and family members who call them unrealistic, naïve, or Bible-bashers. I've also seen conflict sparked when young people stand up for what's right, in front of friends or classmates.

Yeah, Jesus was right. Conflict is definitely part of the package. The peace Jesus brings isn't a calm in

which no one gets angry. Jesus makes it clear he stands for the peace that can come only when all people find respect and justice. But the people who call others to respect all people and to live justly – hopefully, you and me – quite often spark conflict.

So the real question is: How will you deal with conflict as a Christian?

Here are some tips from a guy who has faced it, made some mistakes, and learned from them. First, don't back down from it. Conflict can strengthen relationships if you deal with it non-violently. Every time you stand up non-violently for your beliefs despite conflict, your self-esteem grows. Second, remember that our God is nonviolent. Resolve conflict without name-calling, yelling, or becoming physically violent. That can be hard. But the more you practice, the better you get. Third, you're not alone. Pray for strength to remain faithful, even during conflict, and reach out to other Christians – especially those who can walk with you – for support and advice when times get tough.

So, yeah, conflict is part of the deal for Christians. And it can get ugly. But the Lord had been through it and won't leave you in the lurch.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(15 - 21 August)

- **Monday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56:)
- **Tuesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10;; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11;; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 36:23-28;; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 37:1-14;; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12:)
- **Sunday 21:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13)

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.