



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

20TH 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

Web: www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 2.30pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word.

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Saints of the Week

Mon, 17 Aug - Our Lady of Knock
 Tues, 18 Aug - St Alberto Hurtado
 Cruchaga and St Helen
 Wed, 19 Aug - St John Eudes
 Thurs, 20 Aug - St Bernard of
 Clairvaux, doctor
 Fri, 21 Aug - St Pius X, pope
 Sat, 22 Aug - The Queenship of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sun, 21 Aug - St Rose of Lima

THE Table Crumbs OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 15:21-28



GREAT is Thy Faith

Altar Linen Laundry Roster

Month August - Mary Thomson

Month Sept - Annabelle Fernandes

Church Cleaning

For weekend: 22 August

Cleaning: TBA

Vacuuming: TBA

Finances:

For weekends 8/9 August

1st Collection Support for
 Archdiocese/Priests \$707.00

2nd Collection \$370.00
 (25 envelopes)

Open Plate \$665.00

Special Collection (Vocations) \$392.00

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 22/23 August - 21st 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	Denis Jones	Tinna Buenviaje	Michael Pols	Sayo Family
P2	Christine Challis	Mel Buenviaje	Dave Van Heerde	Reggie Rupinkas
W	Christine Jones	Espi Tilbrook	Gabrielle Byrne	Pia Pilcher
HC	Kevin Barry Minty Mahoney	Raylee Crane David Crane	Theresa Tanti Sheralee Van Heerde	Dolores McCluskey
Children's Liturgy		Jasmine and Tanya		Dolores McCluskey



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.

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.

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.



St Luke's Parish Music Ministry

Our parish warmly invites all current members of our music minis-
 try, 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.

**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: Jane VanVliet, Anna and Gentile Monardo, 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, Cate Lavelle, Astrid Houareau



Deceased:

Anniversaries: Loyse Tellis, Louie Tellis, Maureen D'Crus



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
Together we can keep the faith alive

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Across the weekend of 22nd and 23rd August, Mary-Anne Maio from ACN will be visiting our community to share about the vital work of ACN and how we can support our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

ACN invites you to learn the stories of persecuted and suffering Christians by signing up to receive the FREE ACN newsletter, so you can begin to stay informed about the needs of the suffering Church and to pray for them.

Italian Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole, a priest for the Marian Movement of Priests Oceania (MMP), will be visiting Australia. He will be in Adelaide on Monday, the 31st of August. Everyone is welcome.

Mass for Cenacles

Venue: St Peter Claver Church

8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich

Day and Date: Monday, 31 August

Time: 3:00-6:00pm

SAFEGUARDING



All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child and should make these rights available to children. Governments must respect families' role in guiding children to responsibly understand and exercise their rights..

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

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| Mon, 17 Aug | Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's |
| Tues, 18 Aug | Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Children's Sacramental Program at 5:00pm - Meeting Room
PPC Meeting at 6:00pm |
| Wed, 19 Aug | Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC
Craft Group at 10:00am - St Luke's
Children's Sacraments at 3:30pm
Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's |
| Thurs, 20 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, 21 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, 22 Aug | Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's
Baptism for the Children in the Sacramental Program 10:30am - St Luke's (TBC)
Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's |
| Sun, 23 Aug | 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Mass at 10:45am - SCC
African Mass at 2:30pm
Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's
Baptism at the 5:30pm Mass - St Luke's |



Seaford Christian Churches

611 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)



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

PLEASE NOTE: SCC AGM Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 4:00pm. A minimum attendance of 20% from each congregation is required to achieve a quorum. For those unable to attend a proxy form is available.

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

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

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 is in need of: Tins of Vegetables and Tuna Bake Sauce. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Rosary: 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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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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And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

YOU BELONG HERE!

Jesus ignored her. The disciples protested, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy." Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel." Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, begging. "Master, help me. Jesus gave in. "Oh woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

God loves every one of us and invites us into a community where everyone has a place. The Gospel reminds us that God's house is a "house of prayer" and that house is not reserved for a select few. It is open to everyone.

That sounds beautiful. But it also gives us a challenge.

What does it actually feel like to walk through the doors of our parish? Do people feel noticed, welcomed and valued? Can a young family arrive with noisy children and feel completely at home? Can someone who has been away from Church for years walk back in without feeling judged? Can an older person, a newcomer, a person who feels different, someone carrying a heavy story or someone simply wondering where they belong find a place among us?

The invitation of Jesus is bigger than simply having an open door. It is about creating a community where people genuinely know they belong.

Our parishes cannot be places where people have to fit a certain mould before they are welcomed. We are called to be communities where dignity comes before judgement, hospitality comes before assumption and relationship comes before rules.

Everyone belongs here. Not because everyone is the same, but because every person is valued, loved and created with dignity.

Perhaps the question for us is not simply, "Who comes to our parish?" but "Who might still be wondering whether there is a place for them here?" And what are we going to do about it?

GPBS eNews

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(17 - 23 August)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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).