



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

22ND 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my

hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to

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Saints of the Week

Mon, 31 Aug - Sts Joseph of Arimathea & Aidan of Lindisfarne
 Tues, 1 Sept - Sts Giles & Anna the Prophetess
 Wed, 2 Sept - St Ingrid of Sweden
 Thurs, 3 Sept – St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor
 Fri, 4 Sept - Sts Boniface I, Pope & Rosalia
 Sat, 5 Sept - St Teresa of Calcutta

AUCS Santiago's Call Pilgrims Invite You!

Join us on Saturday, 12 September, here at St Luke's Noarlunga Parish, following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass, for a shared cuppa and presentation as our pilgrims share their Santiago's Call pilgrimage experience. Please register your attendance. All are warmly invited!

Social Justice Sunday 30 August

This Sunday, 30th August 2026 marks Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice statement is entitled *"Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division"*.

It is now available for download - Social Justice Statement August 2026.

Altar Linen Laundry Roster

Month Sept - Annabelle Fernandes
 Month Oct - Christine Jones

Church Cleaning

For weekend: 5 September
 Cleaning: TBA
 Vacuuming: TBA

Finances:

For weekends 22/23 August
 1st Collection Support for
 Archdiocese/Priests \$789.00
 2nd Collection \$373.00
 (21 envelopes)
 Open Plate \$532.00

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
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 Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241

Roster for weekend 5/6 September - 23rd 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	TBA	TBA	Children's Mass	Derrick Edmunds Musician Psalm
P2	TBA	TBA	Children's Mass	Shona Gomeri
W	TBA	TBA	Children's Mass	Jan Hicks
HC	TBA	TBA	TBA	Anne Craig
Children's Liturgy		TBA		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.



Catholic
 Charities

Catholic Charities – 2026 Appeal (September is Catholic Charities month)



This September you are invited to support the Catholic Charities Appeal—a tradition of compassion that has been part of the Adelaide Archdiocese since 1941. When you donate to Catholic Charities, you are doing more than just giving; you are extending a helping hand to your neighbours in need, right here in South Australia.

We are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal. Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.



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.

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: John Manfield

The Commissioning Masses for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

will be celebrated on the following dates:

Seaford Christian Churches
Sunday 30 August at 10:45am

St Luke's
Sunday 6 September at 5:30pm

Those mandated by the Archbishop will receive confirmation by email.

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

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). 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.

SAFEGUARDING



Children have the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying 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

Mon, 31 Aug	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues, 1 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Children's Reconciliation Ceremony at 5:00pm - St Luke's Cancer Support Group at 6:30pm
Wed, 2 Sept	Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC Craft Group at 10:00am - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs, 3 Sept	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, 4 Sept	Rosary at 9:00am - St Luke's Benediction at 9:30am - (cancelled) Mass 10:00am - St Luke's Adoration at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sat, 5 Sept	Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun, 6 Sept	23 rd 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 (with Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)



Seaford Christian Churches
811 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)



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

PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER:

MASS at St Luke's 10:00am with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan (NO MASS at SCC)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th: SCC AGM AT 4 pm.

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, your donations are greatly appreciated by those in need.

Holy Rosary: The Rosary will be prayed 15 minutes before the 9:00am and 5:30pm Masses. All are welcome to join.

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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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be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**A FAITH THAT GETS UP
AND GETS GOING**

(Matthew 16: 21-27)

Then Jesus went to town on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Jesus' words are anything but comfortable: "Take up your cross and follow me." This is not an invitation to admire Jesus from a distance. It is a call to live differently. Jesus challenges us to move beyond a faith that is simply about what we believe and towards a faith that can be seen in the choices we make, the people we welcome and the way we treat those around us.

For families and parish communities, this challenge is deeply relevant. We live in a time when people can be quick to judge, divide or walk away when things become difficult. Following Jesus means choosing another way. It means making room for those who feel

excluded, listening before judging, forgiving when relationships become messy and having the courage to stand up for what is right.

Taking up our cross does not mean looking for suffering. It means being willing to give something of ourselves for the sake of love. It might be making time for someone who is struggling, choosing to serve rather than be served, or speaking up when silence would be easier.

Jesus asks us what kind of life we want to build. A life centred only on comfort and ourselves can leave us wanting more. A life given generously in love can transform families and communities. Following Jesus is not about carrying a perfect faith. It is about carrying a courageous one.

Questions for Reflection

- Where is Jesus inviting me to move beyond comfort and choose courage in the way I live my faith?
- What might I need to let go of so that I have more space for love, generosity and service?
- If someone experienced Jesus through the way my family or parish community lived, what would they discover?

GPBS eNews

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(31 August - 6 September)**

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

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).