



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
10.00am - 3.00pm

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

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CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

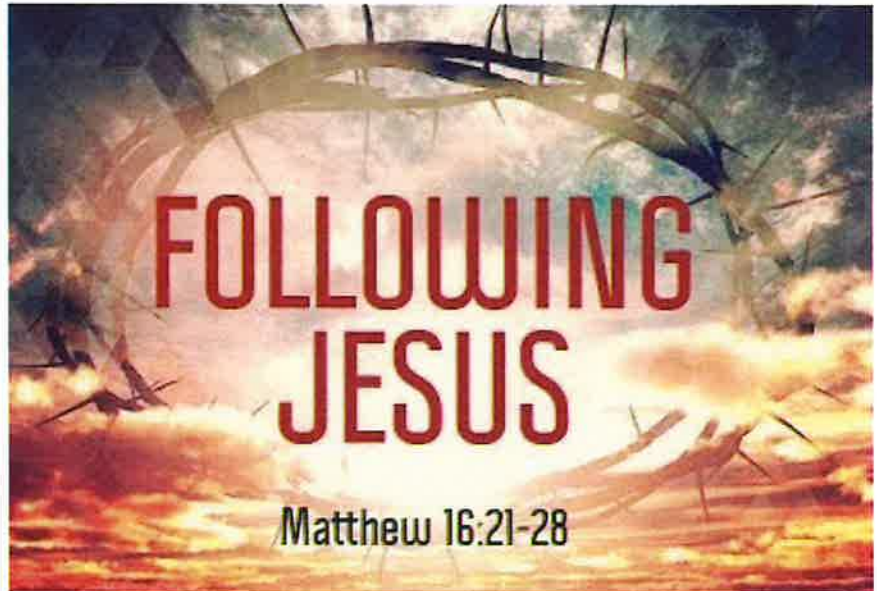
REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

• 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 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.*

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 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;

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am
or by appointment

Pastoral Coordinator:

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Dr Paul Rijken

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Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni

Church Cleaning

For weekend 9/10 September

Cleaning: Lyn Finkers

Vacuuming: Denise Bachmann

Finances : September

For weekend 26/27 August

1st Collection \$873.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$367.00 (26 envelopes)

Open Plate \$713.00

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 Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:

2023 Upcoming Courses

2023/24 Magi Pilgrimages

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

RCIA

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



learn more

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

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

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries – 17 September

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognize couples in their life-long commitment.



The Archdiocese will provide parishes with digital resource via email. In addition to the resource, there will be a digital form for parishes to nominate married couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries to receive a certificate for presenting in their parish.

September is Catholic Charities Month

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians

In the month of September, 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.

Australian Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "*In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop*".

The pilgrimage will commence in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Brochures on Information desk



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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 9 September at 8:00am

All welcome.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM**

Pray for the healing of: Mark Peppin, Clyde Peppin, Mirta Castro, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard



Deceased: Noorline Zarah

Anniversaries: Ivor Thomson, John Manfield

(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

Rosters for weekend 9/10 September

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
P1	Mel Buenviaje	Soraya Ramirez	Mathew Varghese
P2	Paul Rijken	Barney Manning	Michael Pols
W	Christine Challis	Judy Crouch	Gabrielle Byrne
HC	Kevin Barry	Rhea Thomas	Maria Thomas
	Paul Rijken	Maria Nolan	Thomas Harry
Children's Liturgy		Megan & Rhea	
Music	6:00pm Children's Choir	9:00am Folk Group	5:30pm

Charis SA Invites you
TO REFLECT ON DISCIPLESHIP
with Sr Josie Labata, Pastorelle Sister.

When: Saturday, 9th September, 10:30am - 3:30pm

Where: St Peter Claver Church
8 Stuart Road, Dulwich

Coffee and tea provided: Bring your own lunch
Including Praise, Reflection, Mass and adoration.
Donations are appreciated. For more information,
ring 0407 060 715
All are welcome!

Parish Pastoral Council News

This is displayed on the notice board next to the table at the entrance to the church. If you wish to have a personal copy you can pick one up at the church office.

**Child Protection Week
3-9 September**

To celebrate Child Protection Week this year, we are having a Colouring-in Competition for children 5-12 years of age.

Please see notice board for more information.

CHILD PROTECTION

All organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child. Governments should make these rights available to children.



CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9.00AM
NEXT MASS WILL BE 1 OCTOBER.

WHAT'S ON

- Mon 4 September Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
- Tues 5 September Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Liturgy Meeting at 7:30pm
- Wed 6 September Mass at 9:15am—SCC
Craft Group 10:00am
Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs 7 September Mass at 9:00am—St Luke's
Prayer Group 10:00am
Benediction at 12:30pm
Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
- Fri 8 September Rosary at 9:30am—St Luke's
Mass 10:00am—St Luke's
Funeral of Nathan Stone—1:00pm
- Sat 9 September Reconciliation at 9:00am—St Luke's
Mass at 6:00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 10 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Communion 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

ONKAPARINGA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Serafino Winery, McLaren Vale,
Friday 15 Sept @ 6.45-8.30am
Guest Speaker "Focus on Family"
Further details: Kevin Barry 8382 3773
kevinjbarry@professionals.com.au

Please collect your new set of
Planned Giving Envelopes from the information desk.

To Give Away

A 5-burner BBQ needs to go by 10 September. If you are interested, please contact Pat Leahy on 8382 1794.

Help Needed!

Julia and Mary are in need of more volunteers to help in washing altar linen basics. For more information, contact Julia on 8384 4036 or the Parish office on 8382 1717.

Happy Father's Day

**To all the Fathers,
Grandfathers,
Step-Fathers,
Uncles, Brothers
and other men in
our lives who care
for us and love us
unconditionally...**



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day Raffle Winners

- Maureen Cooper
- David van Heerde
- Sandy Knobloch
- Maurice van Heerde
- Maria

Thank you all for your support
\$259 was raised

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 31/08/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

KIDS' CORNER

Many of Jesus' followers wanted him to get rid of their harsh, unjust rulers and become their new leader. Some of them wanted him to build a kingdom on earth where they could have a little more power. But Jesus didn't do things the way people expected. He didn't lead battles. He laid down his life for all of us on the Cross. He showed us how much God loves us. And he asks us to love one another, just as he does. That's not what people expected. It's much, much better!

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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.'

**WE DESERVE BETTER,
DON'T WE?**

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?" (Matthew 16: 24 - 26)

Who among us hasn't thought: "I've worked so hard, been honest and true, I deserve rest and reward". That only seems fair and reasonable. Good people deserve good lives – it's the presupposition of most cultures – and the essence of the Australian dream.

Like Peter, we find it hard to believe that decent people could end in ignominious failure. Who wants to see themselves or their heroes ridiculed and reviled? Peter's "say it ain't so, Lord," is a very human response to such disheartening news.

But Jesus says not only is it so but to think otherwise is the work of the devil. The minute we begin to believe that we are entitled to a life free from sacrifice, we are not thinking as God does – for our God continually offers God's-self in sacrifice to us. Throughout his years in ministry, Jesus reminds us that true joy and rest come with discipleship – with following God's way of compassion and justice.

So perhaps it's time to take stock of your expectations. If you are hoping for your just rewards, you will be sorely disappointed, no matter how much money you make or fame you achieve. If, on the other hand, you are

preparing for the many difficult days ahead by strengthening your love and commitment to others and to God, then you have already tapped into your heavenly treasure.

DUPED BY GOD

(Matthew 16: 21 - 27)

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah. Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was how own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

For what are you willing to suffer (love, money, justice, peace, the truth)? How much are you willing to suffer for these things?

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(4 - 10 September)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 8:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 10:** 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; or in an emergency 0452 524 169.