



Welcome to

# Noarlunga Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

25<sup>TH</sup> 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)*

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10.00am - 2.30pm  
For any emergencies, please contact:  
Fr Dominick (0421 074 212)

### 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

### REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

#### • SATURDAY EVENING

6.00pm - St Luke's, Noarlunga

#### • SUNDAYS

9.00am - St Luke's, Noarlunga  
10.45am - SCC, Seaford  
11.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Spanish  
2.00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun - St Luke's: Filipino  
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised his greatness cannot be measured. (R)
2. 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)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R)

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Acts 16:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the

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## Saints of the Week

Mon, 21 Sept - St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Tues, 22 Sept - St Maurice, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Thomas of Villanova

Wed, 23 Sept - St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Thurs, 24 Sept – Our Lady of Walsingham

Fri, 25 Sept - Bl Herman 'the Cripple;' of Reichenau

Sat, 26 Sept - Sts Cosmos and Damian, martyrs and Bl Kasper Stanggassinger

Sun, 27 Sept - St Vincent de Paul

## Roster for weekend 26/27 September - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

|                           | St Luke's<br>6:00pm          | St Luke's<br>10:00am           | St Luke's<br>5:30pm                  | SCC 10:45am       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>P1</b>                 | Dennis Jones                 | Thomas H Elias                 | Yvonne Bennett                       | Sayo Family       |
| <b>P2</b>                 | Annabelle Fernandes          | Justin Neugebauer              | Dave Van Heerde                      | Kris Lazell       |
| <b>W</b>                  | Christine Jones              | Maria Thomas                   | Michael Pols                         | Jim Fenoughty     |
| <b>HC</b>                 | Minty Mahoney<br>Kevin Barry | Angeline D'Cruz<br>David Crane | Sheralee Van Heerde<br>Theresa Tanti | Mary Fenoughty    |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> |                              | Tanya & Jasmine                |                                      | Dolores McCluskey |

**St LUKE'S STATUE:** Fr Dominic has arranged for a statue of our Patron Saint, St Luke the Evangelist, to be purchased and placed in the Church. During the month of October, we will be holding an appeal to raise funds to cover the purchase of this statue. Parishioners will also be able to donate via Credit Card / direct debit payments to the Parish bank account. Details are below:

**BSB:** 066-782; **Account:** 100000203; **Name:** Noarlunga Seaford Parish, and **Reference** - Statue



To all our children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, 20 September ... and to all couples who will receive a blessing for their significant wedding anniversary.

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



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.

**Altar Linen Laundry Roster**  
Month Sept - Annabelle Fernandes  
Month Oct - Christine Jones

### Church Cleaning

For weekend: 26 September  
Cleaning: TBA  
Vacuuming: TBA

### Finances:

For weekends 12/13 September

1<sup>st</sup> Collection Support for  
Archdiocese/Priests \$770.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$497.00  
(24 envelopes)

Open Plate \$726.00

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  
Dennis McCarthy on 0416 432 937

### Migrant and Refugee Sunday: September 27

Each year the Holy Father offers a special message to celebrate the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. This year's celebration, the 112<sup>th</sup>, takes place on Sunday September 27 and the theme is **"Even Just One of These Children"** (cf. Mt 18:10).

Pope Leo reminds us that every migrant and refugee child matters, and we are called by faith and humanity to welcome, protect and care for them.

### Invitation to a Healing Weekend

You are invited to the Healing Weekend on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 11:00am - 4:15pm and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am - 4:15pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. The speaker will be Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS. The Weekend will include: Talks given by Fr Josy on:

- What is healing?
- Inner healing,
- The healing power of forgiveness,
- The healing power of listening,
- The healing power of the Sacraments
- General prayer for Inner healing,
- The Sacrament of Anointing,
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
- Reconciliation and Sunday Mass.

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 1st October. Cost by Cash donation. All Welcome!

**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:** Anton Gwiazda, Pamela Lawless, Anton Crane, 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:**



### World Youth Day: Seoul 2027: You are invited to World Youth Day Seoul 2027!

Created by St John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's largest international gathering for young people to celebrate faith, encounter new cultures, and experience the universal Church like never before. Next year, World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea.

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) invites all young people aged 16-35 who are interested in attending, or simply curious to learn more, to complete an Expression of Interest for the Adelaide pilgrimage via the URL or QR code and join us on the journey to Seoul! <https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>

The pilgrimage is planned to take place from **29 July to 11 August 2027** (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7,500 per pilgrim (excluding spending money).



**World Priest Day (WPD) 27 September 2026** is a celebration of the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** movement's love for our priests and our faithfulness to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Mission Statement.

We want to support the men who live their Sacrament of Holy Orders each day. This celebration and the following ideas help us as a couple, a family, a local marriage encounter community and our Church with ideas on how to affirm our priests.

**A World Priest Day Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, we ask that you support them with your presence and fill them with grace to serve you faithfully. Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling and open their hearts to hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.*

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

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

**NEXT CHILDRENS' MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER.**

### WHAT'S ON

|                |                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon, 21 Sept   | Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's                                                                                                           |
| Tues, 22 Sept  | Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's                                                                                                           |
| Wed, 23 Sept   | Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC<br>Craft Group at 10:00am - St Luke's<br>Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's                                  |
| Thurs, 24 Sept | Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's<br>Prayer Group at 10:00am - St Luke's<br>Rosary at 6:30pm - St Luke's<br>RCIA at 7:00pm - Meeting Room   |
| Fri, 25 Sept   | Rosary at 9:00am - St Luke's<br>Benediction at 9:30am - St Luke's<br>Mass 10:00am - St Luke's<br>Adoration at 6:00pm - St Luke's     |
| Sat, 26 Sept   | Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's<br>Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's                                                                         |
| Sun, 27 Sept   | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A<br>Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's<br>Mass at 10:45am - SCC<br>Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's |



**Seaford Christian Churches**  
611 Grand Boulevard (Corner of Main Street)



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

### Dates to Remember:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October: SCC AGM at 4:00pm.**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: SCC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at 2:00pm**

**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: 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

### Volunteers needed in the following areas:

- Op shop**
- Funeral Team:** assist SCC Cafe Manager with refreshments, PowerPoint presentation, car park supervision, open and close facility.

For further information: SCC Admin Manager: Agnes George: Tel 7071 9297 Mon, Tues or Fri 9:30am-1:30pm.

### SAFEGUARDING



Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, their cultures and other cultures.

**NOARLUNGA SEAFORD  
CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**  
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**BAPTISM of INFANTS**  
Phone 8382 1717

**SACRAMENT of  
RECONCILIATION**  
Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am  
or by appointment

**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 LITURGY GROUP**  
Mrs Marg Burns

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
Acting Chairperson - Agnes George

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**  
Chairperson - Michael Pols

**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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market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**HERE'S A TIP ABOUT GOD**

*"He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?' Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first". (Matthew 20: 13 - 16)*

When visiting Paris for the first time, I found one custom so different from here or other places I had visited that it made me genuinely uncomfortable: It was tipping. My guidebook told me not to tip the staff who cleaned my hotel room. They would take it as an insult that they were not doing their job well enough and needed further incentive. The same went for taxi drivers and to the infamous French waiters. An English-speaking waiter explained that the French do their job and leave you to

eat, not hovering around the table working for a larger tip. That is why we often consider them to be aloof or inattentive, when in fact they are neither.

We cannot possibly reach the standards of perfection we sometimes think God places on us. We fail to realise how generous God is with us. God's ways remain a mystery to us.

So we need merely to accept the generosity of God as God chooses to share it with us. We cannot work harder trying to impress God to get a bigger response from God who is already totally generous. We need instead to be accepting of what God chooses to give to us, grateful and humble.

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**LIVING THE WORD**

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God himself. This parable would have been clearly understood to be about being gathered into God's people and who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.

- In what ways are we able to offer generosity to new-comers in our parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in our parish for those who move into the area or for new migrants?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome?

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**  
(21 - 27 September)

- **Monday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-06)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-35)
- **Sunday 27:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

**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).