



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**TWENTY-FOURTH 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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Web: [www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au](http://www.noarlunga-seafordparish.org.au)

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday  
10.00am - 3.00pm

### **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

#### **• PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;  
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#### **• ASSISTANT PRIEST**

Fr Dominick Okwadha  
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#### **• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER**

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

#### **• SEAFORD**

Sr Bernie Sontrop SGS – SCC  
(Catholic Community Coordinator  
- 0400 035 462)

### **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 - 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**

***Ecclesiasticus 27:30 -28:7***

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Ps 102:1-4, 9-12***

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

### **SECOND READING**

***Romans 14:7-9***

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we

die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Jn 13:34***

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

***Matthew 18:21-35***

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.

When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. *(Continued page 4)*

**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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**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 - Mr Nick Wright

**Cardijn College** 8392 9500

Principal - Mr Steve Byrne

**Heads of Campus:**

Marian — Ms Danielle Greig

Galilee—Ms Kerri Gould 8557 9000

Marcellin— Mr Gianni

**Church Cleaning**

For weekend 23/24 September

Cleaning: Paddy Lamb

Vacuuming: Nick Fernandes

**Finances : September**

For weekend 9/10 September

1st Collection \$940.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$409.30 (27 envelopes)

Open Plate \$987.00

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.

### Migrant and Refugee Sunday - 24 September



Catholic Archdiocese  
of Adelaide



You are invited to the Archdiocesan **Migrant and Refugee Sunday Multicultural Mass** in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on **Sunday 24 September at 2:30pm.**

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "*Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay*", for the 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, 24 September.

For more information contact the Office for Justice Healing and Inclusion on P: 8210 8140 or E: [Multiculturaloffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:Multiculturaloffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or see poster for details.

### 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.

### October is Rosary Month

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

St Luke's Parish will be celebrating Rosary Month with a ten day daily devotion from October 1-10. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be followed by the Holy Mass on the following dates.

Day and Date	Time	
Sun, 1 Oct	5:00pm	Holy Rosary
	5:30pm	Holy Mass
Mon-Fri 2-6 Oct	7:00pm	Holy Rosary
	7:30pm	Holy Mass
Sat, 7 Oct	5:30pm	Holy Rosary
	6:00pm	Holy Mass
Sun, 8 Oct	5:00pm	Holy Rosary
	5:30pm	Holy Mass
Mon-Tues 9-10 Oct	7:00pm	Holy Rosary
	7:30pm	Holy Mass

### 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

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

**Pray for the healing of:** Bill Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Connie Anderson, Kane, Hammersley, Mark Peppin, Clyde Peppin, Mirta Castro, Cherie Morrison, Astrid Houareau, Cate Lavelle, Shelley Heard



**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Flaherty, Greg Tanti and Max Ward  
(Names will remain on the Prayer for Healing list for one month).

**Rosters for weekend 23/24 September**

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
<b>P1</b>	Brendan Byrne	Maria Nolan	Paul Knobloch
<b>P2</b>	Christine Challis	Justin Neugebauer	Mathew Varghese
<b>W</b>	Mel Buenviaje	Erika Badics	Ronan Thomas
<b>HC</b>	Denis Jones	Danielle Greig	Paul Knobloch
	Christine Jones	Rhea Thomas	Thomas Harry
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Charl & Kim	
<b>Music</b>	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm

**The Voice Referendum**

On 14 October 2023, all Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Over the past months, many community leaders and leaders of organisations have put forward cases for and against this proposed alteration to our constitution.

We will be asked the question: 'A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?'

Throughout September, I am asking all Parishes and Communities to prayerfully reflect on this upcoming referendum. I encourage all Catholics to consider this important issue and inform themselves from reliable sources such as: [voice.gov.au](http://voice.gov.au), [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) or [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church), or

Please pray the prayer for 'The Voice' regularly in your Parishes and families in the lead up to the referendum. The Frequently Asked Questions flyer, produced by the Justice, Healing and Inclusion Team may address questions you have about the referendum. It is an excellent resource which draws on information from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC).

In Domino,  
+Patrick O'Regan  
**Archbishop of Adelaide**

Please take a handout and the prayer card about the Voice from the foyer of all churches in our Parish.

**WHAT'S ON**

- Mon 18 September Mass at 9:00am—St Luke's
- Tues 19 September Mass at 9:00am—St Luke's  
PPC Meeting at 6:30pm
- Wed 20 September Mass at 9:15am—SCC  
Craft Group 10:00am  
Liturgy at St John's at 12:00pm  
Mass at 7:30pm—St Luke's
- Thurs 21 September Mass at 9:00am—St Luke's  
Prayer Group 10:00am  
Benediction at 12:30pm  
Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's  
RCIA at 7-9pm  
SCC Council Meeting
- Fri 22 September Rosary at 9:30am—St Luke's  
Mass 10:00am—St Luke's  
Youth Meeting at 6:00pm
- Sat 23 September Reconciliation at 9:00am—St Luke's  
Mass at 6:00pm—St Luke's
- Sun 24 September 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's  
Mass at 10:45am— SCC  
Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

**Music Ministry Workshops**

As liturgical musicians or leaders who are planning liturgies and Masses, it is important to gather and network together. A time to learn from each other, discover new liturgical music and plan for the season ahead. These workshops may be hosted by any school or parish cluster, by appointment. For information on hosting and/or attending a Music Ministry Workshop, please contact Lauren Bierer from the Archdiocesan Community Life & Worship team on [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or phone 8210 8130.

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

**CHILD PROTECTION**



Children have the right to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they may stay healthy.



**Sunday Night Dinner will be served after  
the 5.30pm Mass this  
Sunday 17 September.**

**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.

Please collect your new set of  
**Planned Giving Envelopes** from the information desk.  
If you are interested in joining the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Church Office.

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14/09/23)



- 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

### SHARING THE TRADITION

In the life of the Church the sacrament which celebrates forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. Baptism into the community of Christ included an element of forgiveness of sin, but what happened when one of the faithful sinned again after baptism? In the early Church they grappled with the problem of people who denounced their faith in the face of persecution or committed a grave offence like murder or adultery. How often were they to be forgiven and reinstated to the community? In those early centuries, forgiveness required a public confession and public penance like the wearing of sack-cloth and ashes. Gradually the Celtic monastic practice of having a spiritual guide became more popular. This was a person with whom one had regular contact and with whom one shared failings and concerns. From this practice, the sacrament of confession and administration of forgiveness and penance became more private and auricular (heard). This is now the norm of the Church except in exceptional circumstances.



Help each other through

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

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Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### THE EMBRACE OF SIN

(Matthew 18: 21 - 35)

If ever someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about "how much" forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed him, not because it's necessary – a king has no obligation to forgive anything – but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our

forgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do you find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?

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### KIDS' CORNER

Anna is learning to play a song on the piano, but her fingers keep hitting the wrong keys. It takes two weeks of practice before Anna can finally play the whole song through without any mistakes. But what if Anna only had one chance to get it right? Do you think she could do it? Could anyone? Probably not.

Jesus knows that we sometimes sin over and over again. But he doesn't give us only one chance. He wants us to know that we can keep asking for forgiveness and trying to do better. Of course, Jesus wants us to treat others the same way too.

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### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 24 September)

- **Monday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)
- **Wednesday, 20:** St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and companions (Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)
- **Thursday, 21:** St Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)
- **Friday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 24 (1 Tim 6:12; Lk 8:1-3)
- **Saturday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15)
- **Sunday 24:** 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 2:1-16)

### 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.