



Welcome to

Noarlunga Seaford Catholic Parish

ST LUKE'S, NOARLUNGA AND SCC, SEAFORD

26TH 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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Dennis McCarthy (0416 432 937)

(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 - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish
2.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path, he teaches his way to the poor.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Saints of the Week

Mon, 28 Sept - St Wenceslaus, martyr & St Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions, martyrs

Tues, 29 Sept - Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wed, 30 Sept - Sts Jerome, doctor and Francis Borgia

Thurs, 1 Oct - St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Fri, 2 Oct - The Holy Guardian Angels

Sat, 3 Oct - St Aloysius Stepinac

Sun, 4 Sept - St Francis of Assisi

Roster for weekend 3/4 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year A

	St Luke's 6:00pm	St Luke's 10:00am	St Luke's 5:30pm	SCC 10:45am
P1	Dennis Jones	Justin Neugebauer	Children's Mass	Pia Pilcher Musician Pslam
P2	David Van Heerde	Maria Thomas	Children's Mass	Shona Gomeri
W	Christine Jones	Alvin Abd Elmack	Children's Mass	Jan Hicks
HC	Sheralee Van Heerde Minty Mahoney	Thomas H Elias David Crane	Theresa Tanti Volunteer Minister	Anne Craig
Children's Liturgy				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

Altar Linen Laundry Roster

Month Oct - Christine Jones

Month Nov - Jane Ward

Church Cleaning

For weekend: 3 October

Cleaning: TBA

Vacuuming: TBA

Finances:

For weekends 19/20 September

1st Collection Support for

Archdiocese/Priests \$640.00

2nd Collection \$245.00

(15 envelopes)

Open Plate \$207.00

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

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.

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 112th, 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.

St Vincent De Paul's Noarlunga Halloween Quiz Night: Join us for a spooktacular Halloween quiz night that promises chills, thrills, and plenty of fun! Test your knowledge of all things Halloween! A perfect opportunity to mingle, laugh, dress up if you please, the best dressed gets a prize! Embrace the Halloween spirit and join us on Halloween's eve. Ph: 0433471071, text only. Booked tables preferred, walk-ins welcomed. \$15 ticket entry per person, 8 people to a table. Prizes for the best dressed; BYO soft drinks & snacks; Free tea and coffee provided; Bring gold coins for games!

When: 24th October 2026

Where: Uniting Church: 23 William Rd, Christies Beach SA 5165

Doors open at 6:00 pm - ends 10:30pm

Invitation to a Healing Weekend: You are invited to the Healing Weekend on Saturday 3rd October 11:00am - 4:15pm and Sunday 4th 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: Francis McNamara, James Clare



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, 28 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Tues, 29 Sept	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's
Wed, 30 Sept	Mass at 9:15am - All Saints/SCC Craft Group at 10:00am - (suspended) Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs, 1 Oct	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Group at 10:00am - (suspended) Rosary at 6:30pm - St Luke's RCIA at 7:00pm - Meeting Room
Fri, 2 Oct	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, 3 Oct	Reconciliation 9:00am - St Luke's Mass 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun, 4 Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mass with Baptism at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Spanish Mass at 11:00am - St Luke's Handmaidens of the Lord 1:00pm



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



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

Dates to Remember:

Thursday 15th October: SCC AGM at 4:00pm.

Sunday 22nd November: SCC 30th 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:

- 1. Op shop**
- 2. 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



Adoption must prioritise the child's best interests, with consistent rules for both domestic adoptions and international transfers.

**NOARLUNGA SEAFORD
CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE**

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PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR

Gabrielle Byrne (0422 804 579)

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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

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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

IS GOD FAIR?

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for

faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom.

GPBS eNews

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 September - 4 October)

- **Monday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 1:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Saturday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 4:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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).