



Welcome to

# Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

**TWENTY-SIXTH 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 - 3.00pm

### **PARISH TEAM CONTACTS**

#### **• PARISH PRIEST**

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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**

*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.*

### **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.

### **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

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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

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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 7/8 October

Cleaning:

Vacuuming: Peter Lambert

**Finances : September**

For weekend 23/24 September

1st Collection \$671.00

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$304.00 (20 envelopes)

Open Plate \$438.00

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.**

**October is Rosary Month**

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the devotion of the Holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October. The best way to celebrate the month is to pray the Rosary.



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

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



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world

Mission Envelopes are available at the Information Counter. See Mick.



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



**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, Max Ward and Michael Wood

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

**Rosters for weekend 7/8 October**

	6:00pm	9:00am	5:30pm
<b>P1</b>	Brenda Byrne	Jordan Faulkner	Maria Thomas
<b>P2</b>	Dave van Heerde	Justin Neugebauer	Thomas Harry
<b>W</b>	Paul Rijken	Maria Nolan	Gabrielle Byrne
<b>HC</b>	Anton Crane	David Crane	Paul Knobloch
	Raylee Crane	Raylee Crane	Sheralee van Heerde
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joanna and Team		
<b>Music</b>	6:00pm Children's Choir	9:00am Folk Group	5:30pm

**SOLEMNITY FOR OCTOBER**

**ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST**  
Wednesday, 18 October - Mass at 7:30pm



**LADIES COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**

Friday, 6 October at 10:30am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

First Friday of the month at St Luke's after 10:00am Mass



**October 14: The Voice Referendum**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as [www.voice.gov.au](http://www.voice.gov.au), [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) or [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church)

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

**CHILD PROTECTION**



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 THIS SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER AT 9:00AM.**

**WHAT'S ON**

Mon	2 October	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Rosary at 7:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Tues	3 October	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Rosary at 7:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's Liturgy Meeting at 7:30pm
Wed	4 October	Mass at 9:15am - SCC Mass at St John's at 12:00pm Rosary at 7:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Thurs	5 October	Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Prayer Group 10:00am Benediction at 12:30pm Rosary at 6.45pm - St Luke's Rosary at 7:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Fri	6 October	Rosary at 9:30am - St Luke's Mass 10:00am - St Luke's Ladies' Coffee and Cake at 10:30am Rosary at 7:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 7:30pm - St Luke's
Sat	7 October	Reconciliation at 9:00am - St Luke's Rosary at 5:30pm - St Luke's Mass at 6:00pm - St Luke's
Sun	8 October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at 9:00am - St Luke's Mass at 10:45am - SCC Filipino Mass - St Luke's Rosary at 5:00pm - St Luke's Mass at 5:30pm - St Luke's

**Charis SA Invites you TO DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU JN 2:5  
DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD**

With Fr Selva Raj

When: Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am - 2:00pm

Where: St Peter Claver Church  
8 Stuart Road, Dulwich

Coffee and tea provided: Bring your own lunch  
Including Teaching, Mass and Adoration.

Donations are appreciated. For more information, ring  
0407 060 715

All are welcome!

**St Vincent de Paul  
BBQ Lunch and Auction**

Address: Noarlunga Uniting Church  
23 William Rd Christies Beach

Date: Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Time: 12:30pm

Tickets: \$10.00

Tea/Coffee Supplied

BYO drink



The Parish Office will be closed for the school holidays.

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 28/09/23)  
**COVIDSAFE**  
Let's continue to be a church

- 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

**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?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

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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*

**THE BIG GAME**

The season was winding down. One more win and our eighth grade under 15's basketball team would be in the championship game against arch-rival Saint Sebastian. I played point guard, which was considered a good position to get in our team. So, it was no surprise, but it still stung me hard when I was told by the coach that I was being benched and my spot taken by a new classmate, Frank, who just arrived at our school and was quickly determined to be a better athlete than the rest of us. I sat on the bench hurt

and upset but trying not to show it.

Frank proved to be the difference, he knew the game and played like no one else. Each time I patted him on the back and congratulated him while the word "Unfair!" screamed in my head. In the last moments of the game, Frank turned his ankle making a great pass to save the game. We won. But Frank's foot would be in a cast for the big game. I was back in, vindicated. I felt bad, kinda, for him. But God knew I deserved to play! I didn't get much action in the game. But then again, most of us didn't. At least I passed one ball that helped along the way.

We lost. I was surprised that no one seemed that upset. At least we could say we made it to the championship game. We all felt good, including our new friend Frank. I had an early lesson in what Saint Paul calls "being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing".

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

(2 - 8 October)

- **Monday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angles (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Tuesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 4:** St Francis of Assisi (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 8:** 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

**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.