



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 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

Fr Josy Sebastian - (8382 1717;
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• ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha
(8382 1717; okwadha@yahoo.com
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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 - 1st Sun - St Luke's: Spanish
2.00pm - 2nd Sun - St Luke's: Filipino
5.30pm - St Luke's: Youth Mass

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

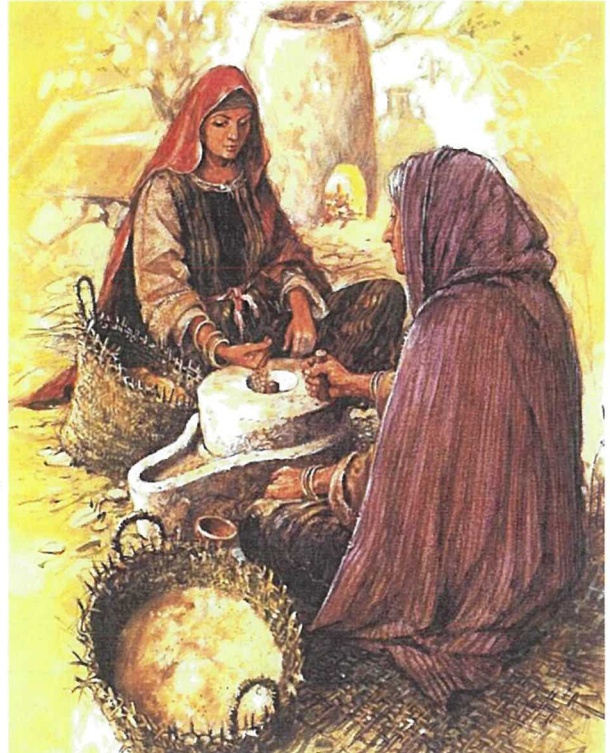
Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples, 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away.

It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come,

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.30am and
Half an hour before all weekend masses

Pastoral Coordinator:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Child Safe Contact Person:

Nicoline Henderson

0404 297 930

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 - Mrs Liz Keogh

Cardijn College 8392 9500

Acting Principal - Mr Patrick Harmer

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Mr Wade Champion

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

3 Dec:

Cleaning: Jane Van Vliet &

Pat Harrington

Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

Finances 19/20 Nov :

1st Collection \$783

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$446 (29 envelopes)

Open Plate \$614

Thank you for your ongoing support and
commitment to the community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10.00am—3.00pm

Tuesday—Friday

For any emergencies please contact

Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:

Nov 30 Praise and Worship

Dec 3 An Advent Journey—Guest
Speaker/Celebrant Fr Josy

Dec 6 The Fast Five Parenting Tips
That Really Work—Centacare

Dec 13 Keeping Families Safe (after
Domestic Violence)-Centacare

2023-2024—Magi Pilgrimages

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
OUR GIVING TREE - LET'S "PLAY TAG"**



St Vincent de Paul is under a mammoth strain at this time of the
year, helping those less fortunate than ourselves to have a happy
Christmas.

Let's "PLAY TAG" and empty all the tags off the Giving Tree.

*****Please note that all gifts need to be returned by
10/11 December.*****

**2023 Calendars \$8 Christmas Cards \$5
available after all Masses.**

**Anyone requiring a food hamper for Christmas please contact St Vinnies
1300 729 202 and leave your details.**

St Luke's Music Ministry Team Presents
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, 4 December 2022

Cardijn College Amphitheatre

Entry via St Luke's carpark, Honeypot Rd
Sausage sizzle from 6.15pm Carols start at 7.00pm

\$2 entry – kids under 10 free.

Drinks and "candles" also available for purchase.

BYO rug, cushion or chair (if raining on the day, please bring chairs only).



Join the St Luke's Church Music Ministry groups and friends for a joyful night of
Christmas carolling and good cheer! Featuring performances by *Sandiwa, The Folk
Group, Selah, Thomas Family & Friends*, with special guests *The Craic and
The Cratur*.

Funds raised on the night will go towards a new much-needed sound system at St
Luke's.

Hope to see you there!

AN ADVENT JOURNEY

Guest Speaker & Celebrant Fr Josy Sebastian

Saturday 3 December, 10.30am—3.30pm

St Peter Claver Church, 8 Stuart Rd, Dulwich
Coffee and Tea provided, bring your own lunch



SUNDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS DINNER

11 December—\$10 per head

Bookings essential by 4 December

Sue—0421 173 358 or Gabrielle—0422 804 579



POLISH SPEAKING PERSON

A Volunteer is needed to visit a lady in a nursing home. If you are able to help
please contact Gabrielle in the Parish Office.

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

Pray for the healing of: Angela Young, Catherine Kelley, Alex MacDonald, William Tanti, Gentile Monardo, Gerry Rice, Suzanne Pearce, Joan Lavender, John Stanley, Gene Field, Pauline Gilbert, Pat & Jack Vaughan, Astrid Houareau, David Healey, Noorline Zerah, Damian Mihalovic, Cate Lavelle, Alison Pyne,



Deceased:

Anniversaries:

We keep in mind and our prayers those who have died and those who grieve.

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

Rosters for weekend 3/4 December

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	D van Heerde	Mary Barrow	Yvonne Bennett
P2	Christine Challis	Barney Manning	Rhea Thomas
W	A Fernandes	Erica Badics	Gabrielle Byrne

CHRISTMAS TIMES

Christmas Eve—Saturday 24 December

St Luke's	6.00pm	SEM	7.30pm
Carols	11.20pm		
	MIDNIGHT	Willunga	7.00pm
			MIDNIGHT
Aldinga	6.30pm		
Normanville	4.00pm		

Christmas Day—Sunday 25 December

St Luke's	9.00am
Willunga	9.00am
Normanville	9.00am

**2nd FORM OF THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION
FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER at ST LUKE'S—7.00PM**



Cleaners are urgently needed at St Luke's for Church cleaning. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office on 8382 1717.

There will be a working bee in preparation for Christmas on Saturday 3 December from 9.00am onwards.



READERS & WELCOMERS

If you are available for any Masses from Christmas weekend till 29 January could you please write your name on the sheets on the Information Desk.



**Ladies Coffee & Cake Morning
10.30am—Friday 2 December
Gold coin donation—All Welcome**

WHAT'S ON

Mon	28 Nov	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	29 Nov	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St John's
Wed	30 Nov	Feast of St Andrew Craft Group 10am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	1 Dec	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Meeting 10am Benediction at 12.30pm Rosary at 6.45pm—St Luke's
Fri	2 Dec	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's Ladies Coffee & Cake Youth Meeting—6.00pm
Sat	3 Dec	Feast of St Francis Xavier Reconciliation St Luke's—9.00am Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	4 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC



We welcome into our faith community
Chase Kennett

who was baptised during the month of November.
We wish him and his family God's richest blessings.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

For two years you will have noticed Cherie Morrison's name on our prayer list. Cherie, niece of Mary Thomson and mother of Tom (14) and Ruby (13) was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer with tumours in her liver, sternum and neck, progressing into her bones, and was given a life expectancy of approximately two years. On Thursday 17 November following her three monthly scans and blood tests Cherie received the news that the cancer has gone and she is now in remission thanks to a mastectomy, chemotherapy, extremely potent drugs, her amazing resilience and the love, support and prayers of so many people. What a miracle!

This is a truly amazing Christmas gift to Cherie and her family
Thank you and God bless.

SEAFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NEWS

SCC Christmas Appeal

As Christmas approaches we would once again like to reach out to the wider community through local schools and health services. We would like to bring a little unexpected joy to some who, for various reasons, are experiencing hardship or sadness. If you would like to make a financial contribution please place your money in a sealed envelope, marked 'SCC Christmas Appeal'. If you would like a receipt please put your name and congregation on the back of the envelope.

During the week you can give your envelope to Christine McNicol or on Sunday to Jan Hicks or Angela McDonough.
Many thanks for your ongoing support.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS
(Current from 25/11/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word 'advent' means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas, and especially in looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.
- The early church believed that the second coming of Christ—the Parousia—was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- This is Year A of the liturgical calendar, during which the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

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he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's Gospel is written for a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament, with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies of old, and the Messiah who has long been awaited. In this text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of Man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the earliest Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end-time) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today, and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming.



THE NIGHT IS FAR FROM SPENT

We know for sure that Santa Claus is coming to town; and so is Snoopy, Peanuts, Frosty, the Grinch, Rudolph, and more seasonal visitors than we may care to name. We also know that Jesus is coming, but he doesn't advertise his arrival as relentlessly as these others so we aren't sure quiet when. Will he arrive in time for the holidays? Too late to stop the next war? Too soon for me to acquire all the things I'd like to have in this world?

This is the Advent from which the season takes its name. Jesus is coming, and his advent is the one all these modern myths seek to recreate. Will Charlie Brown find the real meaning of Christmas? Only with a Scripture-quoting friend like Linus. Will the Grinch get a life? Only if he opens his eyes to the world he's always had. Jesus is coming all the time, but we won't know it if we refuse to change. That is the purpose of Advent, to give us fair notice that it's time to take time seriously.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 November - 04 December)

- **Monday, 28:** Monday 1st week Advent (Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Tuesday 1st week Advent (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 30:** St Andrew (Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thursday 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 02:** Friday 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 04:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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.