



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and SCC, Seaford

SECOND 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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jponnambal@gmail.com)

• ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Dominick Okwadha
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• PARISH MANAGER NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
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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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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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

10 Dec:

Cleaning: Leona Tane

Vacuuming: Loy Goveas

Finances 26/27 Nov :

1st Collection \$780

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$486 (31envelopes)

Open Plate \$629

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 0452 524 169 or

Toni Fishlock 0417 801 241.

Noticeboard:

Nov 30 Praise and Worship

Dec 6 The Fast Five Parenting Tips

That Really Work—Centacare

Dec 13 Keeping Families Safe

(after Domestic Violence)-Centacare

2023-2024—Magi Pilgrimages

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

O for a world in which justice and peace flourish and all nations are drawn to it as to a beacon! This is indeed the world that Isaiah foretells will exist under the leadership of the 'shoot that springs forth from the root of Jesse'. But this world needs to be prepared for if it is to become a reality and today we hear John the Baptist imploring his followers to 'make straight the paths' for the Lord, and to turn their lives around in order to 'bear appropriate fruits'.

Just as then, so today, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming by reforming our lives, by seeking forgiveness, and by standing as beacons of hope in our dark world. St Paul encourages us to pay particular attention to the way we treat each other, being more tolerant and welcoming, more persevering and generous. As we reflect on how we might go about doing this, let us call on the gifts given by the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation: wisdom, insight, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, holiness and awe in God's presence.

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 Dec.

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

Sausage sizzle from 6.15pm Carols start at 7.00pm

Hope to see you there!

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE - to be held next weekend 9/10



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.

Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Third Sunday of Advent will support *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons.

Find out more at: www.catholic.au

CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ON SALE

AFTER MASSES NEXT TWO WEEKENDS

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 10/11 December

	6.00pm	9.00am	5.30pm
P1	Mary Kralj	Anton Gwiazda	Thomas Harry
P2	Denis Jones	Soraya Ramirez	Michael Pols
W	Christine Challis	Bev Ellis	Sandy Knobloch

CHRISTMAS TIMES

Christmas Eve—Saturday 24 December

St Luke's	6.00pm	SCC	7.30pm
Carols	11.20pm		
	MIDNIGHT		

Christmas Day—Sunday 25 December

St Luke's 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.

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.



**SUNDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS
DINNER**

11 December—\$10 per head
Bookings essential by 4 December
Sue—0421 173 358 or Gabrielle—0422 804 579

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 10 December, 7.30am-9.00am.
Gold coin donation—all welcome.



WHAT'S ON

Mon	5 Dec	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Tues	6 Dec	Feast St Ambrose Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Mass at 10.00am—St John's
Wed	7 Dec	Mass at 9.15am—SCC Craft Luncheon 12.30pm Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	8 Dec	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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	9 Dec	Rosary at 9.30am—St Luke's Mass 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	10 Dec	Reconciliation St Luke's—9.00am Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	11 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC



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

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.

**SCC ECUMENICAL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY DAY**

School age children are invited to participate in a variety of Christmas activities including reflection on the Christmas Story, Christmas craft, and games on

Tuesday 20th December 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

To assist with preparation and catering, please complete the registration form available at the back of the worship space asap. Registration closes Friday 16th December.
If any adults would like to assist, please let Sr Bernie know.

**SCC ECUMENICAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION
TAIZE SERVICE**

All are invited to the Reconciliation Taize Prayer Service in preparation for Christmas,
11.00 am Wednesday 21st December
in the Large Worship Space.

**COMPLIANCE WITH
COVID-19 REGULATIONS**
(Current from 02/12/22)



- 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?

- Luke's Gospel suggests that John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins, but there is no hint of this in Matthew.
- John the Baptist was not alone in his criticism and rejection of the soft religious life in the cities of Palestine. There were others, too, who withdrew from what they saw as the corruption of the temple cult and retreated to the desert to live a life of prayer and asceticism. The best known of these groups were the Essenes of the Dead Sea region. It is likely that John was in some way associated with them.
- The Essenes established a community at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea. It was this community that left the wonderful legacy of the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in the 1940s. These scrolls have proven invaluable to scholars in throwing light on the religious practices of the day.
- Advent is a time in which we too are invited to withdraw a little in prayer and contemplation.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**RING IN THE HOLIDAYS
BY WAITING**

A commercial on all four radio stations on our black-and-white RCA television convinced me I wanted a set of handbells, with lyrics to songs in colours that matched similarly

coloured bells, guaranteeing I would produce beautiful music. I asked Mum and, despite being told by my older brother that he didn't exist, I also asked Santa, surreptitiously, when he was on the corner ringing a Salvation Army bell. My bases were covered. All I had to do was wait for the payoff Christmas morning after Mass.

I couldn't wait. I searched and found my gift under the stairs by the never-used front door. I grabbed my box, shook it, and heard bells. I knew it!

Christmas morning came. Everyone was excited – except me. I tried to fake my surprise and subsequent elation. I wasn't a good actor. Later in the day Mum told me she could tell I knew. I did like those bells. But if I had waited, there would have been a lot more joy. Our Advent readings this week invite us to wait and, importantly, to actively prepare for all that the Saviour's birth will bring us. For me, the first note at Midnight Mass, especially if struck by a handbell, will fill me beyond what I could possibly anticipate.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(05 - 11 December)

- **Monday, 05:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 06:** St Ambrose (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Wednesday, 07:** Wednesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 08:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Friday, 09:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 10:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 11:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

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.