



Welcome to

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and Seaford Ecumenical Centre
(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

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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 PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
(8382 1717)

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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

• 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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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. Alleluia!

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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 Associate:

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

Principal - Dr P Rijken

Heads of Campus:

Cardijn College—Mr Pat Harmer

Galilee—Mr Nick Wright 8557 9000

Marcellin—Mr Gianni Petrucci

Church Cleaning

For weekend 11/12 Dec:

Cleaning: Sally Standfield

Vacuuming: Denise Bachman

**Church cleaners urgently needed
please contact parish office 8382 1717
if you can help**

Finances 25/26 Nov

1st Collection \$521

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$414 (25 envelopes)

Open Plate \$456

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
10.00am—3.00pm on
Tuesday—Friday until 23 December.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will close at 1.00pm on
Friday 24 December and reopen on
10.00am Tuesday 18 January. There will
be no newsletter during this time.
Newsletters will resume on the weekend
of 22/23 January.

For any emergencies please contact
Fr Josy on 0452 524 169 or
Toni Fishlock on 0417 801 241.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SA GOVERNMENT COVID RULES PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are mandatory for indoor places. (Celebrant exempt)

3 persons per 4 square metres

No Singing Choir or Congregation unless a mask is worn covering both nose and mouth.

You must still record your name and phone number in the book provided in the foyer OR use the QR code.

More details are on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

Nowadays A GPS is a must for reaching our target destination. This resonates with John the Baptist's exhortation in today's gospel. His words, "Prepare the way" point us to the road itself. What paths need to be straightened, what valleys filled in? That is to say, what are the hidden dangers lurking in our own lives that could paralyse us, frighten us, hook us in? The Baptist's voice calls us to seek out the many little deadly vices and wild spiritual serpents, the corroding attitudes that grow and little by little become the wilderness in our hearts. Advent is the perfect time to uproot these.

The days of Advent invite us to detour from the winding roads of indifference, selfishness and ambition to the straight roads of generosity and welcome, especially to the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. They call us to bring low the mountains and hills of pride, prejudice and division and build a true and lasting relationship with our God and with one another.

VOLUNTEERS' BRUNCH

Friday 10 December, 10.30am-12.30pm

We are having a brunch for volunteers to say thank you for your support of the Parish this year. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend as numbers may be limited.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 11 December, 7.30am-9.00am.

Gold coin donation—all welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Craft Group are having a Christmas Raffle.

Tickets \$1 sold at Masses on the weekends of
4/5 and 11/12 December.

Drawn 15 December

Thank you for your support.



Advent booklets are available in the Foyer.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS CANCELLED ON THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER.**

Pray for the healing of: Catherine Kelley, Heather D'Cruz, Jack Vaughan, Pat Vaughan, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Angela Young, David Healey, John Mancini, Mick Wood, Sally McPhail, Pauline Wheeldon, Gentile Monardo, Jim Byrne, Michele Tanielli, Grace Mogg, Yvette & Bobby Zaric, Michelle Smith, Mary Bikaunieics, Kathryn Rodighiero

Deceased: Joe Wallace

Anniversaries: Tomasita Sia-Smith

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 11/12 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Christine Challis	Erica Badics
Proclaimer 2	Denis Jones	Mary Barrow
Welcomer	Christine Jones	Juliet Goveas
Music Roster:		

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 next weekend—11/12 December.

2022 Calendars \$8 Christmas Cards \$5
are available after all Masses.

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

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

St Luke's Church is in desperate need of volunteers to fill the roles of Welcomers and Readers at all Masses.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Parish Office on 83821717.



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

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Dec 6	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Dec 7	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's St John's Mass— cancelled
Wed	Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass SCC—9.15am Mass St John's—9.15am Craft Group—10am St John's Graduation Mass 7pm—St Luke's Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's— cancelled
Thurs	Dec 9	Mass St Luke's—9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - cancelled Prayer Meeting 10am Rosary St Luke's—6.45pm
Fri	Dec 10	Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am Volunteers' Brunch 10am Youth Group 5.30pm
Sat	Dec 11	Reconciliation St Luke's 9.00am Men's Breakfast—7.30am Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Dec 12	Third Sunday of Advent Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS 8 DECEMBER: As there will be no 7.30pm Parish Mass on Wednesday 8 December, parishioners are welcome to attend the St John's Graduation Mass at 7.00pm at St Luke's.

2ND FORM OF THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesday 14 December
St Luke's—7.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Friday 24 December

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

Christmas Day—Saturday 25 December
St Luke's 9.00am

New Year's Day Saturday 1 January
St Luke's 9.00am

St Luke's Evangelists next meeting
Friday 10 December at 5.30pm.

SCC NEWS

ECUMENICAL RECONCILIATION TAIZE SERVICE. SCC/SEM is hosting this on Thursday December 16 at 1.30 pm, followed by a cuppa.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 01 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (A doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.)
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

COVIDSAFE
Let's continue to be a church

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GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON

Imagine the valleys of your life. Those times when yawning need was met by silence. When the desire for companionship found only absence. When there were bills to pay and only holes in your pockets.

Now reflect on the mountains. The tasks that seemed insurmountable. The illnesses that dragged on and on. The hurt that seemed to grow rather than diminish with time. The challenges that seemed to have been designed with someone bigger and stronger than you in mind.

The way of the Lord is the smooth way. No valleys, no mountains, just a journey through pleasant country. Never been there? Neither had Jesus on this earth. Jesus sums up his experience with a rather sad evaluation: "My kingdom is not of this world". This world has a rough topography, complete with sin, death, and crucifixion. Yet we trust the word of Jesus because he's travelled these same valleys and mountains on the road to salvation. We're never so lost that we can't be found on these wild roads.

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ANSWER THE CALL

It was one of those days. I had spent hours looking for my phone, which I didn't know had fallen out of my pocket into that black hole that exists between the driver's and passenger's front seat of all cars. Running late for a funeral prayer vigil, I finally stopped searching for it and drove to the church not realising how close it was.

Despite the pleas of the undertaker and my bouncing voice, hardly anyone listened to my prayers. I felt I had wasted my time. As I walked though the foyer, I was stopped by someone giving me a big hug and telling me that even though he didn't know how to reach me, he never lost hope that I would somehow make it to the service of his mother to console him and his family. Fortunately, the family name was posted since I didn't recognise the person at all. I looked at him and said that no way I would have missed being there for them and proceeded to pray with a much more responsive group of mourners.

It wasn't a wasted trip after all. I got back into my car. Thinking about all the hassle of having to get a new phone, I heard the familiar ring tone emanating from under the car seat. It had become a good day. Advent scripture encourages us not to lose hope, because we must be the source of hope fulfilled for others.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 06 - 12)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday, 2nd week Advent (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday, 2nd week Advent (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)
- **Wednesday, 08:** The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday, 2nd week Advent (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday, 2nd week Advent (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday, 2nd week Advent (Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13)
- **Sunday 12:** THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).