



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)

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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)

Email: nswcp@tpg.com.au

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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 PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
(8382 1717)

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• PARISH MANAGER/ NEWSLETTER

Mrs Toni Fishlock - 0417 801 241;
fishlock11@tpg.com.au

(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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or

sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy

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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 24 or 27 Dec:

Cleaning: Pat Harrington &
Jane Van Vliet

Vacuuming: Bill Aldridge

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

Finances 11/12 Dec

1st Collection \$568

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$487 (32 envelopes)

Open Plate \$588

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION



The spotlight shines on Mary and Elizabeth, two lowly, shamed women whom God has chosen to begin the transformation of the world. Women—so often overlooked or ignored—have the only speaking roles. Mary's first words prompt an immediate response from Elizabeth's unborn child. John leaps acknowledging Mary's presence and the significance of the child she carries.

It is Elizabeth who takes the role of prophet, calling Mary "the mother of my Lord". Through the Holy Spirit Elizabeth knows who Mary's child will be. Elizabeth not only prophesies but blesses. By declaring Mary and the fruit of her womb blessed, she begins a series of blessings that weave through Luke's birth narrative and intensify its tone of joy, delight and praise. Mary is blessed not only for her status as the mother of the Lord, but also for trusting God's promise.

By greeting Mary with honour, Elizabeth overturns social expectations. As an unmarried pregnant woman, Mary might expect judgement and shame from her cousin. But, as an elderly infertile wife, Elizabeth knows from her own experience the cost of being shamed and excluded. As an elderly infertile wife, she had endured a lifetime of being treated as a failure. Instead of shaming Mary, she welcomes, blesses and celebrates her. The pregnancy that might have brought shame instead brings joy and honour. When Elizabeth welcomes Mary she practises the same kind of inclusive love that Jesus will have for those marginalised in society.

Elizabeth's words and actions invite us to reflect on our own openness to the ways that God has chosen to act in our lives.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle,
we raised \$448. Winners are:

Sue Fitzpatrick

Pat Austin

June

J Hanna

Sonny Orr

Jane Van Vliet

Anne Craig



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA

NEXT THURSDAY FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM

THEN WILL RECOMMENCE ON THURSDAY 13 JANUARY

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, Astrid Houareau



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).

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

If you are available to be a Reader or Welcomer over the Christmas/New Year period please write your name on the sheets on the information desk. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve—Friday 24 December

St Luke's - 7.30pm

Carols - 11.20pm

Midnight

SCC - 6.00pm



Christmas Day—Saturday 25 December

St Luke's - 9.00am

New Year's Day Saturday 1 January

St Luke's - 9.00am

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

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

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

CHRISTMAS DAY APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Money raised from this appeal goes towards opportunities that support healing for Elders at the Otherway Centre. This includes weekly activities such as line dancing which bring the community together in the spirit of reconciliation. Donations accepted at all Masses or contributions can be made via the 'Giving' tab on your Mass app.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Dec 20	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Dec 21	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Dec 22	Mass SCC—9.15am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Dec 23	Mass St Luke's—9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Benediction 12.30pm Rosary St Luke's—6.45pm Filipino Christmas Mass—8.00pm
Fri	Dec 24	Rosary St Luke's—9.30am Mass St Luke's—10.00am SCC Vigil Mass—6.00pm St Luke's Family Vigil Mass—7.30pm Christmas Carols—11.15pm followed by Midnight Mass
Sat	Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass at St Luke's—9.00am
Sun	Dec 26	Mass at 9.00am & 5.30pm —St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC Mass at 5.30pm—St Luke's

There will be a Memorial Service for Ida Rafferty on Sunday 19 December at 2pm. All welcome.

SIMBANG GABI 2021



The Filipino community of the south would like to invite everyone to Simbang Gabi at St Luke's on Thursday 23 December at 8pm.

Our Celebrant will be Archbishop Patrick Michael O'Regan DD, Concelebrant

Fr Franco Lacanaria, CS—Chaplain to the

Filipino community, and Fr Josy Sebastian, our Parish Priest. Simbang Gabi is Filipino tradition, it consists of nine evening masses in anticipation of Christmas; the last Mass is on Christmas eve. God Bless and have a safe, Merry Christmas! Maligayang Pasko

We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have contributed to the upkeep and well being of our Parish Community during 2021.

We wish you blessings and refreshment at Christmas time and as we welcome in the gift of the New Year.

Merry Christmas

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 14 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.



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Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR JOSY, 2021

My beloved Parishioners,

God loved us so much that he came to dwell among us, to tent among us in human flesh. The gift of the Incarnation says that God is willing to take on the human tent of flesh and be one with and among us. That frail tent of flesh proves capable of holding divinity, but also capable of yielding up its spirit. The gift of Incarnation was that God became human, that we might become divine. Hence, You and I are bearers of the image of God, and You and I share in Incarnation, for Jesus has walked this way before us. God is born in us as well.

The vulnerability of being born in obscurity, to a peasant refugee couple, in an out of the way place, says to us that God is with us in the smallest parts of life – perhaps a reminder that we, too, may discover God in those humble and unexpected places if we are willing to go in search. It is a reminder that God's love extends to all, that God comes among us in human form for all humanity. God continues to come among us in humility; God continues to be birthed in fragile opportunities that will need to be nourished and tended by us all.

Let the Son of God grow in you, for he is formed in you. Let him become a loved and cherished reality and may he become to you a great smile and exaltation and perfect joy which no one can take from you. "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Paul's bold assertion is a truth each one of us must make our own as it works its way into the fabric of our lives through the ebb and flow of events, circumstances,

demands and decisions which constitute our existence and relationships. But also, to be reminded that it is those small ways that the Divine touches us, enters our lives and blesses us with joy for the world.

I wish you and your families the blessings of all that comes to us from celebrating again the birth of this baby, Jesus Christ in Bethlehem who enters our world in all its present uncertainty giving hope and meaning in our lives.

This Christmas, may your presents be many, your worries be few, and your joy endless.

Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year!

Josy Sebastian

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 20 - 26)

- Monday, 20:** Monday, 4th week Advent (Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)
- Tuesday, 21:** Tuesday, 4th week Advent (Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45)
- Wednesday, 22:** Wednesday, 4th week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- Thursday, 23:** Thursday, 4th week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- Friday, 24:** Friday, 4th week Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- Saturday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas) - Mass of Vigil/Midnight/Dawn/Day
- Sunday 26:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52)



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).