



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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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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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• ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Prathap Katta
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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 – SEM
(Catholic Community Coordinator
- 0400 035 462)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest

from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

*For ever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. *(Continued page 4)*

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

Ministry to Sick:

Gabrielle Byrne 0422 804 579

Child Safe Contact Person:

Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:

Dr Paul Rijken

Chairperson Liturgy Group:

Margaret Burns

Parish Schools and Colleges:

Galilee Learning Centre 8557 9000
Principal - Ms J Higgins and
Ms Sharon Doyle

St John the Apostle 8382 2064
Principal - Ms Dee-Anne Peters

All Saints 83270020
Principal - Mrs Liz Keogh

Cardijn College 8392 9500
Principal - Dr P Rijken

Church Cleaning

For weekend 26/27 December
Cleaning: Sharon Fletcher
Vacuuming: Rajiv Govind

Finances

For weekend 12/13 Dec

1st Collection \$ 600

Support for Archdiocesan Priests

2nd Collection \$ 406 (31 envelopes)

Open Plate \$ 687

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open from
10.00am—3.00pm on
Tuesday—Friday
until Christmas Eve.

**St Luke's Parish Office will be closed
from 24 December to 4 January.**

From 5 January to 25 January the office
will be open 10.00am—1.00pm
Tuesday to Friday.

Normal office hours resume from
Wednesday 27 January 2021.

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

IMPORTANT RULES TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED

These are State Government Rules and are to be strictly followed at all times

A fine of \$5,000 will apply to the Parish for non compliance of these rules

- Keep the 1.5 metre social distancing requirement at all times.
- Families from the same household are permitted to sit together.
- Please record your name and contact number in the book provided in the foyer before entering the church.
- Use the hand sanitizer supplied on the table in the foyer.
- Please comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshal.

ALL CHOIRS

Following discussion with members of the Pastoral Council the following decisions were made.

- **NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**
- **ALL CHOIRS ARE RESTRICTED TO MAXIMUM OF 6 MEMBERS**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION



This week's Gospel focuses on the foretelling of the coming of Jesus as Saviour and Messiah, but further highlights the importance of Mary's role in God's redemptive action from the very beginning. By association, we reflect on the importance of all mothers from the very beginning of our lives.

For the most part, the emotions associated with announcing a pregnancy are sheer joy, happiness and delight. Every child is a unique gift from God, but we can imagine how confronting it would have been to have the angel Gabriel appear and tell you that, despite being a virgin, you will bear a son—to be called Jesus—and that he will be the Son of the Most High. What confusion would have filled Mary's mind!

We are called to serve the Lord who speaks to us in so many different ways and we are called to respond as Mary did. It is our acceptance of the Lord's plans where we can make the difference to those around us, and start to shine as Mary did.

BOOKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST LUKE'S

Parishioners will need to ring the Parish Office on 83821717 to book for all Christmas Masses at St Luke's.

We are sorry for this inconvenience but due to COVID-19 restrictions we feel this is the best way of managing the restrictions placed on numbers attending Mass

We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have contributed to the upkeep and well being of our Parish Community during 2020.

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

Merry Christmas

Pray for the healing of: Shirley Lavender, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo, Valerie Wallis, Janet Hanna, Heather D'Cruz, Megan Whitford, Catherine Kelley, Miho Forbes, Jack Vaughan, Leonard Porter



Deceased: Marje Krelle, Eric Schwarz

Anniversaries: Molly Palmer, Felicity Kennare, Dorothy Duckford, Lucy Campbell

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 26/27 December

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Brenda Byrne	Erica Badics
Proclaimer 2	Juliet Groveas	Liz Brown
Welcomer		Mary Thomson

Roster:

Projectionist

Ministry Sandiwa

PEOPLES CHOICE 2020 LOTTERY



***Please support this lottery as the proceeds of all tickets you purchase come back to the Noarlunga Seaford Parish. ***

In this COVID year rather than having raffle books this lottery is to be done on line.

There are still over \$300,000 in prizes that include two cars.

To purchase tickets enter this WEB address:

Communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST LUKE'S:

Christmas Eve:	6.00pm, 9.00pm 12 midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day:	9.00am
New Year's Eve	Adoration and Mid Night Mass

SCC:

Christmas Eve:	7.30pm
Christmas Day:	10.30am

Times are advertised on the Church noticeboard and on the Noarlunga Seaford Catholic Parish website.

Summer Sessions Adelaide:

22-24 Jan 2021

Join other young people aged 16-35 for 3 powerful days of guest speakers, catechesis, praise & worship, sacraments and prayer in the context of a fun and vibrant community in a beautiful retreat centre setting.

More info: summerschool.org.au

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Dec 21	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Dec 22	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
Wed	Dec 23	Mass SCC—9.15am Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Dec 24	Reconciliation 8.30am Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's Reconciliation 9.30am Mass St Luke's—6pm, 9pm, Midnight Mass SCC— 7.30pm
Fri	Dec 25	Mass St Luke's—9am Mass SCC—10.30am
Sat	Dec 26	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Dec 27	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's Mass at 10.45am—SCC

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be cancelled on Thursday 24 December and will resume on Thursday 7 January.

SCC NEWS

New Year's Eve Ecumenical Service

As we come to the end of an extraordinary year you are invited to gather in prayer to reflect on the year and all its challenges, to give thanks for the blessings of 2020, and hope for God's presence and guidance in whatever the year 2021 brings. The service will be held on Wednesday 31 December at 8.00pm in the large worship space at Seaford Christian Churches (SEM).

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Once again we will be conducting the annual Christmas Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) with a special collection at all Christmas Masses.

This Appeal is an important tradition in this archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its range of programs and services.

We ask that you continue to support this appeal generously, and that you remember the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in your prayers and celebrations this Christmas. Your support is essential for the continued outreach of the Otherway Centre to Aboriginal people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Donations can be made by going to: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> or through the Direct Giving App.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current from 14 December)

- Attendees at Mass must maintain social distancing of 1:2 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 200 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- 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 to be 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 but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.
- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.

- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Annunciation stories are a regular literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures; for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense they are a device rather than a strictly historical narration, although clearly based on ancient memory.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements which surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic Messiahship and in this last Sunday of Advent we stand on the brink of the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 December)

- **Monday, 21:** Mon 4th week Advent (Song 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45)
- **Tuesday, 22:** Tues 4th week Advent (1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Wed 4th week Advent (Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)
- **Thursday, 24:** Evening Mass of Christmas (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1:67-79)
- **Friday, 25:** The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas Masses)
- **Saturday, 26:** St Stephen (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)
- **Sunday 27:** The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40)

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).