Welcome to

on eye for an eye makes the whole world blind

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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OFFICE HOURS

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(Please submit newsletter items to the office by 11.30am each Wednesday)

SEAFORD

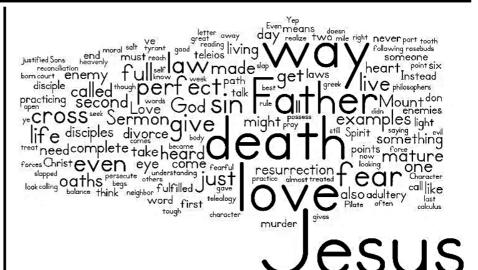
Sr Bernie Sontrop SGS – SEM (Catholic Community Coordinator - 0400 035 462)

ANTIOCH YOUTH MINISTRY

For Antioch enquiries please ring the Parish Office (8382 1717)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: '''Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.""

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

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Baptism of Infants: 8382 1717

Children's Faith Formation

Dolores McCluskey 0413 810 049

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

Antioch Co-ordinators:

Sandy & Paul Knobloch 0433 471 077

Child Safe Contact Person:Dolores McCluskey0413 810 049Nick Wright0456 470 539Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council:

Kevin Barry

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

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All Saints	83270020
Principal -	Mrs Liz Keogh
Cardijn Colle	ge 8392 9500
Principal -	Dr P Rijken

Church Cleaning

For weekend 29 Feb/1March Cleaning: Sally Stanfield Vacuuming: Liz Smith

Finances

For weekend 15/16 February 1st Collection \$1236 Support for Archdiocesan Priests 2nd Collection \$569 (48 envelopes) Open Plate \$831 Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the community.

Notice Board

Feb 22	Launch of
	Project Compassion
Feb 29	Faith on Fire Seminar:
	The Prodigal Son
March 4-	Active Lent Talk Series
April 3	for Young Adults 18+
March 19	Charismatic Mass
June	Saints of Italy Pilgrimage





PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together**".



As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."

You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,

or by visiting <u>www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion</u> or phoning 1800 024 413.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

20 February—World Day of Social Justice

Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. The ILO estimates that currently about 2 billion people live in fragile and conflict-affected situations, of whom more than 400 million are aged 15-29.

Job creation, better quality jobs and better access to jobs for the bottom 40 per cent have the potential to increase incomes and contribute to more cohesive and equitable societies and thus are important to prevent violent conflicts and to address post-conflict challenges.

THE SOUTHERN DEANERY LENTEN STATIONAL MASS

7.00pm on Thursday 5 March 2020

St Luke's Church

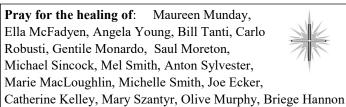
All parishioners are invited.

The tradition of celebrating Lenten Stational Masses provides an opportunity for the faithful in parishes in each Deanery cluster to come together with Archdiocesan leaders and local clergy to share the Lenten journey. Conscious of walking in the footsteps of Jesus, communities have a chance to meet, to pray, to celebrate the Eucharist and to be mindful of the needs of the wider community as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter.



Stations of the Cross will be held at St Luke's every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA EVERY THURSDAY FROM 8.30AM TO 4.00PM





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Anniversaries: John McPhail (39 yrs)

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 29 February/1 March

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

Proclaimer 1	Christine Challis	Espi Tilbrook
Proclaimer 2	Annabelle Fernandez	Beverley Ellis
Welcomer	Mary Kralj	Connie Anderson

Extraordinary Ministers

Kevin Barry

Kathy Barry Liz Smith Norah Byrne Angie Robusti Anne Byrne Tony Chaina CHALICES Sandy Knobloch John Van Der Linden Margaret V D Linden Brian Hanna Theresa Tanti Paul Knobloch

MUSIC ROSTER

Projectionist Nick Music

Carmel Folk Group

Sue Sincock



ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES

CC Middle School—St Luke's 9.00am All Saints School 9.15am, 12.30pm CC Senior Liturgy—St Luke's 10.45am St John the Apostle School 11.30am St Luke's 7.30pm

ANNUAL MYSTERY AUCTION BBQ FOR VINNIES

Sunday 29 March

\$5 entry



5 Robertson street, Christies Beach BYO chairs and drink Tea and coffee supplied

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Feb 24	9.00am Mass—St Luke's
Tues	Feb 25	9.00am Mass —St Luke's
		12 noon Mass—St John's *cancelled*
Wed	Feb 26	Ash Wednesday—see newsletter notice
		10.00am—Noarlunga Craft Group
		7.30pm Mass—St Luke's
Thurs	Feb 27	8.15am Mass—St Luke's
		8.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
		10.00am—Prayer Group
		4.00pm St Luke's—Benediction
Fri	Feb 28	9.30am Rosary—St Luke's
		10.00am Mass—St Luke's
Sat	Feb 29	9.00am Reconciliation—St Luke's

CHANGE OF SCHOOL MASS TIMES

There will be no Mass at St John's on Tuesday 25 February.

CAKE STALL—YOUTH GROUP

To help cover the cost of retreat expenses. Before and after Sunday morning and evening Masses on 25 February.

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY GROUP

The Parish as a School of Discipleship

This group will explore the First of the Eight Gospel Pathways—"The Parish is a prayerful community in which each member is called to a personal relationship with Jesus." At Mary of Galilee Community Room Cnr Quinliven and How Rds, Aldinga 7.00pm Tuesdays—3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March, 7th April To register contact Peter Laffan at impe@internode.on.net or 8556 3915

SCC NEWS

Lenten Reflection Program

The SEM Catholic community will host the Brisbane Lenten reflection program on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, commencing Ash Wednesday 26 February, 10.30 - 12.00 noon. The program theme is 'Compassion' and involves reflection and sharing on the Lenten Sunday gospels and their invitation to us in our daily lives. To enable us to purchase the books (\$8.80), PLEASE SIGN THE

REGISTRATION FORM on the table at the entrance to St Luke's and the SEM worship space by Sunday 23 February.

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and How Roads Saturday 5.30pm Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St Sunday 9.00am Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr Todd and Giles Streets Sunday 9.30am

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist, cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am 1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass) 2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass) Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm Monday 9.00am Tuesday 9.00am Wednesday 7.30pm Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's) Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time) Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am 1st Friday 11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

St Columba, North Terrace (shared with Anglicans) 1st Sunday 3.15pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd Sunday 10.45am Wednesday 9.15am

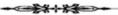
VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.00am Tuesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am 1st Friday Benediction following Mass

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am 2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am Wednesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am

(Continued from page 1) 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



FIRST COMMUNITY DAY 2020



Grief, the Environment and Jesus

You are invited to a Day of Reflection

Date:	Sunday, March 1
Place:	St Joseph's Parish Hall, St
	George's Street, Willunga
Time:	9.30am - 3.00pm
	(You may wish to join in
	the Parish Mass in St
	Joseph's at 8.30am)

Please bring something to share for lunch and morning tea. Tea and coffee provided. All are welcome. Any queries, please contact: Clare - clarealiceh@gmail.com or Fr Tom - tegleeson@bigpond.com

DID YOU KNOW?

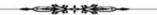
• 'An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.' This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.

- In Jesus' time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a mad man to his hearers: don't just allow a person to strike you once; offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic; give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is the final verse of this text that gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying is that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self-giving. God is a God of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self-giving embrace all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God-like in their dealings with others.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 01 March)

- *Monday, 24:* Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29)
- *Tuesday, 25:* Weekday, Ord Time 7 (James 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37)
- *Wednesday, 26:* Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- *Thursday, 27:* Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- *Friday, 28:* Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- *Saturday, 29:* Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- *Sunday 30:* FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know. Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).