

Noarlunga/Seaford Catholic Parish

St Luke's, Noarlunga and Seaford Ecumenical Centre

(Part of the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Cluster of Catholic Parishes)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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NOARLUNGA/SEAFORD CATHOLIC PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST

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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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our

prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.

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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

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 24/25 October Cleaning: Leona Tane Vacuuming: Julie Lindur

Finances

For weekend 10/11 October
1st Collection \$638
Support for Archdiocesan Priests
2nd Collection \$978 (34 envelopes)
Open Plate \$655

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

The Parish Office is open from 10.00am—3.00pm on Tuesday—Friday

Notice Board:

Oct 31

Faith on Fire Seminar - Fr Selva Raj

Dinner will be available after the Youth Mass on Sunday 25 October.

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



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.



Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child- focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.

Please support Catholic Mission via envelopes available in the Church foyer, online: *catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia* or Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 (include your parish name in the notes).

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

This is an important new initiative established to meet the growing need for the provision of support for the sick and retired priests of our Archdiocese. All donations are tax deductible. Brochures are available on the Information Desk.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ST LUKE'S CHURCH - NOARLUNGA EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9.30AM TO 2.00PM **Pray for the healing of**: Pastor Mark Kaesler, Mary Szantyr, Shirley Lavender, Bill Tanti, Carlo Robusti, Gentile Monardo, Marlene Hemming, Valerie Wallis, Janet Hanna



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 24/25 October

	6.00pm	9.00am
Proclaimer 1	Paul Knobloch	Liz Brown
Proclaimer 2		Mary Barrow
Welcomer	Margaret Mottram	Mary Thomson
Roster:		
Projectionist		
Ministry	Sandiwa	Praise

UPDATE ON THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The first session of the Plenary Council has been postponed till next October in Adelaide, because of the pandemic.

In the meantime, the Plenary Executive is encouraging communities to take the time to read and respond to the Six Discernment Papers that have been written as a result of the "Listening and Discernment" second phase of consultation. These papers have been prepared by Writing Groups selected from people who put their hand up to be involved. Each one offers a description of the particular theme, such as "Missionary and Evangelizing", a description of the "pastoral reality" that theme is considering, a "theological vision" of the elements of a faith response, "major challenges" the Church faces in that area, and "prioritized questions and proposals for change". These are all available online at https:// plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-<u>discernment/</u>. A meeting format for discussing the papers is at https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/ uploads/2020/08/Reflection-Resource-2020.pdf.

Archbishop Pat is encouraging parishes to organise meetings to discuss these papers, whether in person or online

An Adelaide group, called Catholics for an Evolving Church is holding monthly online zoom meetings on a range of issues arising from the papers. The next one is focusing on Indigenous involvement in the Australian Catholic Church, as reflected in the Plenary papers. It will be held on Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm. To register, contact Kevin Liston at kevin.liston1@gmail.com.

WHAT'S ON

Mon	Oct 19	Mass at 9.00am - St Luke's
Tues	Oct 20	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
		Mass at 9.15—St John's
Wed	Oct 21	Mass at 9.15am—SCC/All Saints
		Craft Group 10am
		Mass at 7.30pm—St Luke's
Thurs	Oct 22	Mass at 9.00am—St Luke's
		Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am
		Prayer Meeting 10am
		Benediction 2.00pm—St Luke's
Fri	Oct 23	Rosary 9.30am—St Luke's
		Mass at 10.00am—St Luke's
Sat	Oct 24	Reconciliation at 9am—St Luke's
		Mass at 6.00pm—St Luke's
Sun	Oct 25	Mass at 9.00am and 5.30pm—St Luke's
		Mass at 10.45am—SCC

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION BINS

Parishioners are advised that St Vincent de Paul are no longer collecting donations from the bins located at the Church.

FAITH ON FIRE SEMINAR

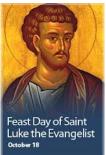
Guest Speaker & Celebrant Fr Selva Raj
Unpacking the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man

10.30am-3.30pm, Saturday 31 October St Peter Claver Church 8 Stuart Road, Dulwich

Coffee & tea provided, please bring your own lunch To register: 0419 144872

Includes teaching, reflection, Mass and Adoration Further information on Church noticeboard.

FEAST DAY OF ST LUKE—18 OCTOBER



Tradition tells us that St Luke was the son of pagan parents, possibly born a slave, and was one of the earliest converts. Legend has that he was also a painter who may have done portraits of Jesus and His Mother, but none have ever been correctly attributed to him. This story, and the inspiration of his

Gospel, has always led artists to his patronage of them. St Luke travelled with St Paul and evangelized Greece and Rome with him, being there for the shipwreck and other perils of the voyage to Rome. St Luke wrote the Gospel According to Luke, much of which was based on the teachings and writings of St Paul and his own experiences. He also wrote a history of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. He was a martyr.

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction. This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- 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. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided at this time.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- 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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Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). In all three texts they are aligned with the Pharisees in trying to entrap Jesus. They may have been supporters of the rule and policies of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime
- The first 'Caesar' was Gaius Julius Caesar, a Roman general, who emerged from the civil wars as the sole ruler of the Empire in 45 BC. After his murder the following year, his grand-nephew Octavian (Augustus) took over as ruler and adopted the name Caesar. From then onwards all rulers of the Empire were known as 'Caesar'. The Caesar during Jesus' public ministry was Tiberias.

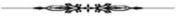
EXPLORING THE WORD

This was an interesting question posed to Jesus - in today's Gospel. Given the political and religious structures of the society in which he lived, this was a no-win situation! Jews were required to pay a denarius (a day's wage) to the Roman overlords and were also required to pay a half-shekel (a standard silver coin) tax towards the running of the Temple. If Jesus had answered 'yes', he could have been accused of betraying his religious duty. If he had answered 'no', he could have been reported to the Roman

authorities for inciting others not to pay their taxes. This was a trick indeed. Jesus' answer makes clear that there are obligations to the State for any citizen but also makes clear that there are obligations to God. The coin bears Caesar's image and therefore belongs to him, but the whole of creation bears the imprint of God. The first loyalty of all created things is therefore to God.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- At first reading, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or economic behaviour. A closer reading, however, shows that this is not the case. While Jesus gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' reminds us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. To seek and honour God, the believer must work within the world.
- What belongs to God in your life? What are our duties towards the State?



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(19 - 25 October)

- *Monday, 19:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21)
- *Tuesday, 20:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38)
- *Wednesday, 21:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48)
- *Thursday, 22:* Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53)
- *Friday, 23:* Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59)
- *Saturday, 24:* Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9)
- *Sunday 25:* 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

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).