



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

Assistant Parish Priests:

Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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Br. Matthew Green, FMS

St. Joseph Flexible Centre

Mr. Ben Ebert

Community Liaison Coordinator

Ms Michele Castagna

Parish Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am *Aboriginal Community Mass at South Terrace*. 2nd Sunday of the month— 11 am *Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross Highway*.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

2nd Sunday of the month. Formation of parents falls on the 1st Monday of the month. 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Marriage:

By appointment only, 12 months' notice required.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”



“Jesus asks us to believe that forgiveness is the door which leads to reconciliation. In telling us to forgive our brother or sister, he is asking us to do something utterly radical, but he also gives us the grace to do it. Trust in the power of Christ’s cross! Welcome its reconciling grace into your own hearts and share that grace with others!”, Pope Francis, Aug 18th 2014. Question: When was the last time you told your truth with charity, gentleness and love on this path of brotherly/sisterly correction?

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
13th - 14th August 2016

Fire on the Earth

In the lives of Desert Fathers a story is told of Abbot Lot who came to Abbot Joseph for spiritual direction. He began: Father, according to my capacity, I keep my little rule and my little fast, my prayer, my meditation, my contemplative silence; and according as I am able to, I cleanse my heart of evil thoughts. Now what more should I do?’ The elderly Abbot Joseph stood up, stretched out his hands to heaven and cried aloud: *‘If only you could catch on fire!’*”

Just imagine if the 1.2 billion Catholics decide to stand up and release in the world the dynamite of the radical message of Jesus. Imagine if all professional Catholics (doctors, teachers, lawyers, dentists, judges) make Christ the primary objective of their profession. Imagine if the 760,000 students attending Catholic Schools in Australia start a ‘revolution’ where they personally experience God as loving and compassionate Father which Jesus initiated in human history . Imagine if all OLSH parishioners take to heart the core messages of Pope Francis’ *The Joy of the Gospel, The Joy of Love and Care for Our Common Home*. And imagine if those who will be Confirmed today actively engage themselves in the building of God’s Kingdom –changing the hearts of individuals and structures of society so that love and compassion prevail over hatred and discrimination.

Friends the above imaginings take on special significance when we recall Jesus’ own words in today’s Gospel about his enthusiasm for the Kingdom: **“I have come to cast fire on the earth and how I wish it were blazing already” (Luke 12:4).**

A parish is a community of disciples and it is not enough to be members of this parish in some passive and minimal sense. It is not enough just to fulfil obligations or perform duties, do what is required of us. It is not enough to simply recite the Creed Sunday after Sunday.

You and I are disciples committed to the mind and heart of Jesus to a prophetic and hopeful vision of God’s Kingdom that challenges the structures and attitudes of prejudice and injustice in our world. Yes it makes all the difference if only a small group of dedicated parishioners become prophets of the Kingdom, “not lose sight of Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2) who, in the face of changing times and seasons, keep the fire burning. Remember if the fire in your goes out, too many people will die of cold.

Fr Raass SVD

We acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia. As we share our faith within our Catholic family we also acknowledge those that paved the way to give us our Church and Parish and welcome all into our community.

Daily Readings: starting 15 August 2016

Mon: Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10
1 Cor 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56

Tues: Ezek 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Ezek 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16

Thur: Ezek 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ezek 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ezek 43:1-7 Mt 23:1-12

Sun: Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7,11-13 Lk 13:22-30

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Gaces, Fay Hawkins, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, Liz Abotomy, Vera De Silva, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Clare Edwards, Mary Dick, Greg & Georgina Gilbert, Kathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Eufelia Canta, Helena Monaghan and Clare Lorkin.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Prayer at Home

O God, who has prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Funerals this Week

- 16th Aug, 10:00am, Alan Stevens, R.I.P
- 18th Aug, 10:00am, Mrs K/Dickson, R.I.P

Rest in Peace

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Prayers of Devotion to St. Joseph

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Syro-Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (Home Based)

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Fridays from 6-7pm and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30pm

Weekly Bible Sharing

Wednesdays 6:15pm -7:30pm

Mothers' Praying for Your Children

Thursday night at 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

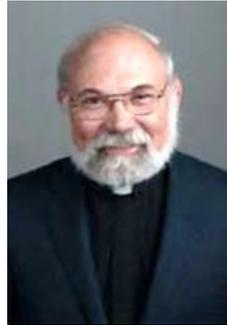
Monday to Friday 6:45am

Parish Initiation Liturgy: 14th August 2016

OLSH Parish warmly welcomes Bishop Eugene this weekend to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and 1st Communion at the 9:30am Mass. This is a *parish initiation liturgy* which celebrates neither the beginning nor the end of Christian initiation for the candidates, but rather their gradual and continuing growth into the eucharistic community. What is sealed is not the candidate but the gifts of the Holy Spirit present in our midst. Congratulations to all candidates. You are only getting a good start – one step in a lifelong adventure of faith.

All parishioners and visitors are welcome for a cuppa after the Mass.

Parish Workshop with Professor Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD.



Father Roger Schroeder SVD, Louis J. Luzbetak SVD Professor of Mission and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, International coordinator of Anthropos Institute (AI). St Francis Centre, Alice Springs, Saturday 27th August from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Donations only. ALL WELCOME. Fr Roger will explore three themes:

- 1) "Mission Today: How the idea of mission has changed since Vatican II--The Why, Who, and Where of mission."
- 2) "Different elements of mission--The WHAT of Mission."
- 3) "The Mission-Centered Parish--The HOW of Mission" (Garden image/parable and table fellowship)

Marriage's Covenant of Love
(Talk by Bishop Eugene)



Bishop Eugene will share his experience of the Synod on Families and the significance of the post-synodal document, *Amoris Laetitia*, at 12:30pm this Sunday after the Confirmation. He was accompanied in Rome by fellow Australian Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane (pictured). Please bring a plate to share with others this Sunday.

First Holy Communion: Following Sunday 21st August, 9:30am.



This is for the Year 3's Bath Street & St Francis' students who are not receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2016.

Cross-Over Australia

OLSH Parish welcomes the Cross-Over Australia prayer group this week. There will be a special mass held on Wednesday 17th August at 5.30pm.

World Youth Day Pilgrims Return

It is not everyday 2.3 million people from 187 countries come together and pray, but during the recent World Youth Day, that is exactly what happened. Our two young pilgrims Joel Tolentino and Olivia Rose had an "awesome experience" and they would love to share it with us next week. Welcome back Joel & Olivia.

WELCOME!

OLSH Parish WELCOMES all new parishioners and their families. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to any of the priests or members of the Parish Council. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and contribute to the reign of God. in Central Australia.



OLSH Parish Multicultural Mass:

Sun 28 August 9:30am.

This will be a Mass of many languages and nations. All cultures are invited to dress in traditional attire and contribute to the Mass. All families are to bring local food to share. OLSH Parish acknowledges that God's Spirit has gathered us from various peoples and continents to worship and work together toward God's reign. Bring your friends and neighbours along.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)



After weekly Inquiry Gatherings, our group express their readiness for the next stage of the RCIA Journey. This is scheduled for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, August 13th when the following Rites are planned to occur: *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens:* **James Myers and**

Luke Highfold. *Rite of Welcoming a Candidate:* **Jeremy Jones.**

Each of these three men has a particular member of the OLSH community to be their Sponsor during these months of preparation. All parishioners are invited to support these new members by your prayers and faith witness. Help them to feel welcome and appreciated, particularly at a light supper following this 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Assumption Day Masses: Monday August 15th



Many Christian churches in Australia mark Assumption Day on August 15 to celebrate the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven. This day is also known as the Dormition of the Mother of God, or the Feast of the Assumption. Below are the Assumption Day Masses and

all are invited to attend any of the Masses. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

- ◆ 7:00am, Presbytery Chapel;
- ◆ 9:00am, OLSH Church for Bath Street Campus;
- ◆ 10:30am, OLSH Church for Traeger Campus;
- ◆ 1:30pm, OLSH Church for Sadadeen Campus;
- ◆ 5:30pm, OLSH Church

Cleaning: 20 August 2016 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: 21 August 2016
Mike & Rita Steller, John Lillecrapp

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,557.40 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,174.40(for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 965.00
Special Collection - Catholic Mission: \$ 439.60

Thank you for your generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin Team informed if you change your days/times etc.

Adult Faith, Culture & Spiritual Formation

- Talk, Lunch, Q&A: **Amoris Laetitia & Synod on the Families: Sunday 14th August, 12:30pm – 2:30pm** (for all leaders/coordinators of all parish support groups & their families, Parish Pastoral Council and their families. Other parishioners invited too. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Venue: Parish Courtyard. By Bishop Eugene Hurley DD, Bishop of Darwin
- Workshop: **What is the Mission of the Church Today in this Jubilee Year of Mercy? Saturday, 27th August, 9am-4pm.** By **Professor (Fr) Roger Schroeder PhD,** SVD, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Chicago, USA. Venue: St Francis Centre (*Donations only*).
- Workshop: **Music and Ministry. Saturday 3rd September, 1:30pm-3:30pm** for all parish choir leaders, musicians, singers and anyone interested to learn. By Sr Anne. Venue: Presbytery.
- **Spiritual Retreat: Parish Retreat in this Year of Mercy, Friday 7th October (pm) to Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th (midday)** By Sr Anne Surtees OSU, Spiritual Director, Provincial Ursuline Sisters Leadership Team, Former Director of Center Care Pastoral Ministries, Brisbane. *Venue and Costs: TBA*

FRIENDS OF L' ARCHE in ALICE SPRINGS

A gathering of people interested in creating new spaces and support for family and friends who live with an intellectual disability are invited to Campfire in the Heart on Saturday August, 20 Ragonesi Road from 3pm-6pm. L'Arche in Australia and around the world seeks to foster relationships between people who can live on the periphery of society due to their difference, yet have so many gifts to share. "People with intellectual disabilities attract and awaken the heart. Their thirst for friendship, love and communion leaves no one indifferent." Jean Vanier in *An Ark for the Poor*. Please bring something to share for afternoon tea, teacake, damper, and oranges are on the menu, as is music for the soul and laughter and some quiet time to reflect together on our own blessings and longings. Join us! Contact **0425484821** or **carolmckc@hotmail.com** for more information

Roster for weekend of 20 - 21 August 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Leonie Smith Sr Jennifer Farrell	Rose Sabadin Bryan Weir Anne Chivers
Sun 7:30 am	Mike Steller	M McNaught Pushpa Vida	Ruth Sexton Kath McGargill John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Jooby Mani First Holy Communion	Jenny Dietrich Elfy Jooby	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Bruce Were
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Pat Monaghan Tinna Buenviaje	Sammy Nobleza Mel Buenviaje Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 39:2-4,18

R/ Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us .

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord .

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
New theme & dates to be advised soon

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm &
on these Sundays: 21st Aug, 9th Oct, 27th Nov,
2016 and 15th Jan 2017.

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship
1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am
at Desert Life Church

Bread Delivery to Town Camps
Wednesdays from 7:00pm-7:30pm

Yuendumu Aboriginal Mission (5hrs drive)
2nd Wednesday of the month

Children's Sunday School
Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holi-

days

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m drive)
3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-
7:00pm

Telephone Tree Ministry
Thursdays from 10:30am-11:45am

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries
Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Parish Council Meetings
1st Thursday of the month from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs
Fridays from 6:30pm at JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry
3rd Friday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs drive)
4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry
1st Saturday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am
CAAAPU (Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation)
2nd & 4th Sundays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

Social Justice Awareness Group: 4th Sunday
of the month from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday Mass Pick-Up: Every Sunday if you
can help those who wish to attend Mass at 40
South Terrace and the main Church.

*Is God calling you to any of the above
ministries and more? Call the presbytery and partici-
pate in God's Mission.*