



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



Jubilee Year of Mercy

“Merciful like the Father”

“Our commitment does not consist exclusively in activities or programmes of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilizes is not an unruly activism, but above all attentiveness which considers the other in a certain sense as one with ourselves”. Pope Francis.

Question: Do we seek the good in others, their culture and in ways of living their faith?

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
20th - 21st August 2016

Parish Priest:

Fr Asaeli Raass SVD

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Fr Prakash Menezes SVD

Fr Olivier Noclam SVD

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Fr. Jim Knight SVD

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Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul

(Part 4)

St Paul, as we know constitutes a remarkable personality for the Christian religion, although he never belonged to Jesus' twelve Disciples cycle. He spread the word of Christianity more than anybody else and for this reason he was named "Equal-to-the-Apostles" and "Apostle of the Nations". It was an amazing and moving experience to see the most beautiful places where the Apostle preached in Greece and Turkey.

From Corinth the twenty-two pilgrims from the Diocese of Darwin travelled for six hours to Thessaloniki (St Paul's 1st & 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians). "*We arrived in Thessaloniki where there is a synagogue of the Jews...*", Acts 17:1-9. This text meant there was probably a large Jewish community here at the time when Paul arrived. As a result of Paul's preaching, a few of the Jewish men, many of the leading women and numerous "god-fearing" Greeks were persuaded by Paul's message. The established community grew jealous so they recruited some local thugs to make trouble. They couldn't find Paul and his companions, so the mob dragged some of his followers before the authorities and accused them of "*turning the world upside down . . . acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus.*" (Acts 17:7).

There were also the remnants of the Romans, Franks & Turks (Ottoman) empires and we were told that Thessaloniki became the second most important city of the Byzantine Empire after Constantinople (modern Istanbul, Turkey). It is now a vibrant modern city with beautiful squares, avenues of trees and green parks, and the largest after the city of Athens. We also saw ruins of churches which are examples of typical religious architecture of the early Christian and Byzantine eras.

From reading Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, written in 51 AD from Corinth, not long after leaving Thessalonica, it seems that he must have settled in and found work, "*For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God (1 Thess. 2:9).*" He congratulates the assembly on their "*work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope (1 Thess 1:3)*" and reminds them of their pagan past, how they "*turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God. (1 Thess 1:9).*"

We toured the city by bus and made several stops for Greek coffee! One stop was at the beautiful Basilica of St. Demetrius (4th century AD) the patron saint of the city of Thessaloniki. We stayed and prayed. Demetrius was a Christian Orthodox soldier who openly confessed and preached Christianity going against the will of pagan Roman Emperor Maximian. The enraged Emperor beheaded him and Demetrius, knowing his fate, had his servant give his wealth to the poor....*to be continued.* 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.

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 Mikweken 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.

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Daily Readings: starting 22 August 2016

Mon: 2 Thess 1:1-5,11-12 Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17 Mt 23:23-26
Wed: Apoc 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51
Thur: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29
 Heb 12:18-19,22-24 Lk 14:1,7-14

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

John Gaces, 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.

Death Anniversary

Theresa Ross

May she and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen

Prayer at Home

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father, except through me.*

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

Thank You All

Our parish priests and PPC sincerely thank everyone who participated and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. It was truly a parish celebration of commitment, love and joy. A very special thanks goes to Denise and her REC team at Traeger Campus, Missionaries of Charity, Jenny, Joyce, Fr Prakash and the St Francis team, Sr Anne and the liturgy team, Tina, Christi and the hardworking combined choirs and musicians, Mel and the Hospitality Team, Sue (sacristan) parents and sponsors of the candidates and all of you for your constant prayers and support. Well done everyone.

Parish Workshop with Professor Roger Schroeder PhD, SVD.



WELCOME TO OLSH PARISH

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, this 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)

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



Congratulations to the Year 3's Bath Street & St Francis' students who will be receiving their 1st Holy Communion this Sunday. Please gather at the Bath Street Hall afterwards for morning tea and celebration.

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 this week at the vigil and 5:30pm weekend Masses. Welcome back Joel & Olivia.

Baptism

OLSH Parish welcomes ...BROOKLYN GISELLA DOOLEY McDONNELL daughter of Jack and Aliison Dooley McDonnell and SCARLETT MADISON STANLEY daughter of Phillip and Janice Stanley.



Thanksgiving Canonisation Mass of Blessed Mother Teresa

A reminder that our Parish Thanksgiving Mass with the Missionaries of Charity falls on Sunday 4th 2016 at the 9:30am Mass followed by lunch and social for everyone at the Bath Street Hall. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." MT

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, Next Sunday.

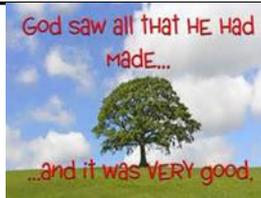
To celebrate the **102 Migrant and Refugee Sunday** there will be a Mass of many languages and nations next Sunday, 9:30am as advertised. All cultures are invited to dress in traditional attire and contribute to the Mass. All families are to bring local food to share. OLSH Parish acknowledges that God's Spirit has gathered us from various peoples and continents to worship and work together toward God's reign. Bring your friends and neighbours along.

Upcoming Funeral Mass

OLSH Parish mourns the loss of **Fay Hawkins, R.I.P.**, at the Old Timers Nursing Home this week. Our sincere condolences go out to all her family, closest friends, support workers, nurses and those who knew of her. She was truly a valuable member of our parish and a committed Catholic. May you rest in peace Fay. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th August at 10:00am, OLSH Church. All Welcome.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1st September

Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989. September 1 also opens the Season of Creation, which lasts till October 4 (Feast of St Francis). According to Pope Francis, *"The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."*, Vatican. Both Masses on Sept 1st will have a special focus on Pope Francis' Intention.



Parish Annual Dinner 2016

More than a hundred OLSH Parishioners rocked up on Friday for our annual parish dinner. It was such a wonderful family-fun event with delicious food, fine entertainment from the local CYAS group and rugby-mad Pacific islanders. Parishioners were also tested with their Biblical knowledge to think outside the box and read between the lines! All came out winners. The night was hosted by our Parish Hospitality Team. Thank you so much to Mel, Hilda, Ruth, Losana, Rowena, Fr Prakash and all members of the Hospitality Team for your kind effort. Keep up the good work.

Cleaning: 27 August 2016 **Group 3**
Fred & Lyn Twohig, Jim & Clare Lorkin

Counters: 28 August 2016
Eric & Kath McGargill

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$ 1,657.75 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$ 993.95 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$ 1,690.00

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

- 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*

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

As you know the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is conducting a final hearing into the Catholic Church in February next year. In preparation for that hearing, the Bishops have requested information from all dioceses and religious orders on a number of key areas including Priest/Religious Ongoing Formation Matters, Structure Policies and Procedures, Governance and Personnel Management, and Litigation, Settlements and Policies for Dealing with Perpetrators and Victims. Please be patient.

Special Collection: Apostleship of the Sea, this weekend



Known to seafarers around the world as Stella Maris the Apostleship of the Sea cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed. Blue buckets at the back of the church. Please donate.

Living the Word

Think about those around you, perhaps even in your family, who are the last to receive your attention, affection or support. **PRAY:** Use the open Scriptures as a focus for prayer. Pray for those who are least. Pray for all people of good will. Pray that all people will come to know the salvation offered through Christ. Pray for your family.

Roster for weekend of 27 - 28 August 2016

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Weeks Sr Anne Surtees	M Maddocks R Fernandez David Fernandez
Sun 7:30 am	Kath McGargill	Mike Steller Ruth Sexton	Rita Steller Fred Twohig John Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy	Multicultural Mass	Mark Bensted M Lillecrapp Virginia Loy
Sun 5:30 pm	Myke Ociones	David Genetti Jenny Dietrich	Sammy Nobleza Thomas J John Marieta Ives

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. Ps 85:1-3

First Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness by glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 116

R/ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try and enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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.*

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