



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
9 am - 12 noon & 4 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Parish Team

Parish Priest:
Fr Asaeli Raass SVD
Assistant Parish Priests:
Fr Prakash Menezes SVD
Fr Olivier Noclam SVD
Resident Priests:
Fr. Vincent Mai SVD
Fr. Jim Knight SVD
Syro-Malabar Chaplain
Fr. Binesh Naramattathil CST
Liturgy Coordinator
Sr. Mary Bennett RSM
RCIA Director
Sr. Helen Kennedy FMM
Parish Secretary:
Mel Buenviaje
Parish Past. Council Chairman
Mr Fred Twohig
Parish Treasurer
Mr Kevin Hickmott
OLSH College Principal
Br. Matthew Green, FMS

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.*

Sacraments:

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 27th - 28th June 2015

PAIN, SUFFERING & DEATH ARE NOT GOD'S CREATION

These readings invite us to reflect on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence, the problem of evil. Evil touches our lives in many forms. The readings mention some of these: disease, poverty, pain, and especially death. You and I can add more. But the widespread experience of evil raises two questions for us: (1) Where does evil come from? and, (2) What can we do about it?

The reading from Wisdom makes it clear that **pain, suffering, and death are not God's creation**. God through his Son wants us to be whole and happy. This is captured well in Jesus' words to Jairus daughter: 'little girl, I tell you to get up' as well as in the statement which summarizes his whole purpose: **"I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly"** (John 10). God's gift to us is life. But along with this gift of life he has also given us FREEDOM. You and I are free to love and hate. Here lies the source of evil in the world. It comes from the misuse of human freedom and yet we tend to blame God for it. St Paul's letter to the Corinthians spells this out correctly. When we have more than we need, while disregarding the needs of others, we are deepening the power of evil and widening its net in the world. **"It is a question of what happened to your surplus now against their present need"** (2 Cor 8).

So hunger, poverty, corruption, beheading and abuse of environment around us have human causes. They result from sin. St Paul's suggests few partial solutions. If communities, rich people, poor people, black and white people learn to share with one another from their abundance, no one will have to go without. In proposing this kind of mutual sharing, Paul is not asking us to make heroic sacrifices. He asks only that we follow Jesus' example by responding to those who are in need. We can also heal the pain, as St Paul suggests, by reaching out to the loneliness, the handicapped, search for new cures for disease, promote justice and peace. *What else can we do to give life in Central Australia?*

Let us continue to believe in Jesus even when death is approaching. This is a great mystery of evil in our lives. But faith in Jesus assures us that death is not the end. Death, the evil we fear most, has no more power of Jesus' Resurrection. Hang on in there!

Fr Raass SVD, Parish Priest

Movements of Parish Priests: Frs Raass, Prakash and Olivier will accompany our Aboriginal Elders to Darwin for the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission Assembly from the 1st July—7th July.

Evangelii Gaudium

"...a peace which is not the result of integral development will be doomed; it will always spawn new conflicts and various forms of violence."

- Par. 219 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Daily Readings: starting 29 June

Mon: Acts 12:1-11
2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Tues: Gen 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27

Wed: Gen 21:5,8-20 Mt 8:28-34

Thur: Gen 22:1-19 Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29

Sat: Gen 27:1-5,15-29 Mt 9:14-17

Sun: Ezek 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Tilde Cabantog, Brian Woods, Anthony Minh, Kathy Abbott, Christine Newman, Pat Kruger, Fiona Poarkes, Patrick Kopp, Richard Kopp, Robert Kopp, Margie Heffernan, Helena Monaghan, Lafi Sa'anga, Carmen Felix Dela Cruz, Bodhi Allen, Jamie Hampton (Melbourne), Sr. Don Maria, Thimas, May Lee Shah, Herman and Benedicta Tirkey, Philip Ponodo, Loraine Gory, Do Quyen, Sunil Menon, Ben Pereira, Mary Dick, Alice Costa, Sean Heenan, Eileen Madden, Ruth Barney, Edna Madden, Mary Hessling, Georgina Gilbert, Alfredo Agbayani, Sylvia Xccall, Muriel L'Aiguille, Fay Hawkins, Colleen Matson, Collen Langcake, Hilla Casseeram, Nod & Harold Rioux, Br Dan fms, Imelda Palmer

May the Lord grant them healing.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV

Devotional Practices:

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Thursday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration every Friday from 6-7pm at OLSH Church and every second Saturday of the month from 3-4 pm at Missionaries of Charity Convent, 12 Standley Crescent.

Prayer Fellowship

Tuesdays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Christian Meditation (Presbytery Chapel)

Thursday 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Legion of Mary

Mondays from 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office—Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Priests' Division of Labour

Catholic priests today are part of the extinct species! However OLSH Parish is fortunate to have three full-time Divine Word Missionary priests to serve the various complex needs of the parish and beyond. We wish to inform you that Fr Olivier Noclam SVD has been appointed to be the Aboriginal Catholic Chaplain in Central Australia which includes the Ngkarte Mikwekehne Community at 40 south terrace and the sixteen (16) remote communities & town camps. Fr Prakash Menezes SVD will be the Assistant OLSH Parish Priest and Assistant Aboriginal Chaplain. The priests will be working as a team. Please remember them in your prayers.

MEET YOUR PRIESTS



*Hi, my name is **Olivier Noclam**. It is much easier if you call me Oli. I was born on Tana Island, Vanuatu, South Pacific and was brought up by the Society of Mary. I did my seminary training at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Fiji and completed it in Australia at Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne. For two years prior to priestly ordination, I decided to work in Mexico from 2001-2002. On the 10th Dec 2005, I was ordained a SVD missionary priest on my island home. Many cows & pigs were slaughtered! Then I was sent to work in Cuba from 2006 – 2014. I speak French, Spanish, Bislama and English. My favourite food is roast pig cooked underground and my special non-alcoholic drink is kava! I am now settling in and looking forward to catching up with you. My parents are at home missing me heaps and recovering from the recent cyclone in Vanuatu.*



*Hi, my name is **Prakash Menezes**. It is Prakash not 'Prakesh' (Serious ;)). I am a Mangalorean native from the southeast coast of Karnataka, India. I speak Konkani, Tulu, Kannada, Hindi, Telugu and English. I am a single child and my parents are still back home – missing me too! I did my philosophy studies in India and theology in Melbourne. My favourite food is any south Indian cuisine. I was ordained last year by the Bishop of Darwin, Eugene Hurley, on September 13th 2014 in Melbourne. This is my first Mission Assignment – Central Australia.*



*Hi, my name is **Asaeli Raass**. You can call me by my second name. I am part- Fijian/Tongan and I come from a family of twelve. I know, ask my mother. I still wish mum could adopt another one! I did all my seminary training in Melbourne and went to West Africa for two years. I just got too tired of theological abstracts. Yes I did complete my formal training and got ordained in Fiji on the Feast of St John of the Cross, 14th Dec 2002. My favourite dish is corned beef dipped in coconut milk and wrapped with taro leaves and then baked underground—delicious! This is my seventh year on Arrenrte land ministering at OLSH Parish. It is you and I can work together for the sake of God's mission in Central Australia. Please come and introduce yourself to us if you're new in the parish.*



Saint of the Week – [St Elizabeth of Portugal](#) (July 4)



WELCOME!

LOGAN MURRAY EBERT son of Phillip and Desiree Ebert and JAMESON MCVEIGH, son of Adrian and Andrea McVeigh, who will be baptised on Sunday 28 June at the 9:30 am mass.

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.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Workshop Speaker & Facilitator	Theme	Date & Venue
Fr Noel Connolly SSC (Head of Mission Studies, Columban Mission Institute, Sydney, NSW)	'The Joy of the Gospel', Pope Francis' Theology and Leadership	18 July at St Francis, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Marriage Preparation

Please be informed that the Diocese of Darwin has increased the 6 months' notice required to 12 months for any committed lovers wishing to get married in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church has an extremely high regard for Marriage and family life, and therefore it is compulsory for a couple to attend approved marriage preparation courses. These courses are readily available at our CatholicCare agency as well as a minimum of eight hourly sessions with the priest at OLSH Parish. OLSH Parish wishes to thank Mrs Trish Tranter from the Adelaide/Darwin Marriage Tribunal for her generosity to assist a few parishioners on marriage, divorce and annulments procedures and processes.

NAIDOC (5th—12th July) & NATSICC (2th-6th July)

NAIDOC is National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NATSICC stands for National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. This is a National Catholic Gathering to take place in Darwin next week. NATSICC Sunday falls on the 5th July and OLSH parish will celebrate it with a special approved liturgy under the theme "**We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect, Celebrate**" at the 9:30am Mass. However OLSH Parish encourages parishioners to participate at 40 south terrace Mass at 11:00am.

OLSH PARISH SIMPSON GAP SOCIAL RIDE

WHEN: Saturday 11th of July
SCHEDULE: 8:30am gather at Flynn's Grave
 9:00am commence ride
 10:00am brunch at Simpsons Gap
 11:00am return to Flynn's Grave.
 To register email Fred Twohig – ftwohig@bigpond.net.au

Launching of Nungalinya Theological Education, Alice Springs

All parishioners are invited to attend and help support indigenous theological education on Monday 29th July at 2:00-4:30pm at 40 south terrace. Otherwise pray for the 'success' of this ecumenical project in Alice Springs.

Cleaning: 4 July **Group 6**
 Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly
Counters: 5 July 2015
 John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught
Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,478.85 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$1,887.55 (for the parish)
 Special Collection: \$ 474.80 (Diocesan Youth Ministry)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Minor Liturgical Improvements

It is an awesome journey to discover, acknowledge and experience the presence of Jesus in our liturgical celebrations especially the Holy Mass. In the past few months the OLSH Liturgy Committee has been running workshops for Readers, Commentators and Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion in order to improve and deepen our understanding & celebration of the Holy Mass.

The insert in today's bulletin is the outcome of the recent workshops in consultation with Parish Priest. These are very minor improvements already contained under the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal**. Please read the insert and be informed that these improvements will come into effect next weekend, 4/5th July 2015.

The Liturgy Committee under (Sr) Mary's leadership will continue to discern with you on ways and means of bringing out the best in you and all cultural groups in the parish. Most importantly, let us continue to LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD and see where the Spirit leads us.

Please do not hesitate to let us know of your thoughts and suggestions.

CATHOLIC YOUTH OF ALICE SPRINGS (CYAS)

CYAS is now active in the parish every Fridays for socialising, bible studies, formation and good works. Starts at 6:30pm and all young people are welcome. To assist the 9:30am Choir, CYAS will now sing at the last Sunday of every month effective this weekend.

Campfire in the Heart

Sue and David Woods wish to invite you to an Open Day at Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd, Alice Springs from 2pm - 4 pm on Saturday 11th July. Enjoy scones and conversations around the Campfire. Labyrinth Walk at 3pm.

Philippine Independence Day

OLSH Parish sends her best wishes to the Filipino Community of Central Australia as they celebrate their Independence from the Spanish rule on June 12, 1898. Happy 117th Philippine Independence Day to all Filipinos.

Enjoy a great celebration everyone. MABUHAY!

Do not be AFRAID. Just have FAITH

Roster for weekend of 04-05 July 2015

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Leonie Smith Sue Bain	Marian Maddocks Leanne Dieckmann Darryl Smith
Sun 7:30 am	Fred Twohig	Charles Gamon Ruth Sexton	John Lillecrapp Kath McGargill Rita Steller
Sun 9:30 am	Pauline Otieno	Col Marshall Rodea Aplaon	Carmela Guthart Virginia Loy Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Denise Simon Mike Williams	Thomas J John Sammy Nobleza Marieta Ives

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

27th - 28th June 2015

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading:

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them. In them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R/ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the gospel. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' 'But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' Any he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.