



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Guided by the Holy Spirit, OLSH Parish in Central Australia is a family of God actively engaging in Jesus' love bringing justice, compassion and charity to all creation.



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Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 12 noon

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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Parish Mass Schedule

Monday to Friday: 7am & 5:30pm

Saturday 11am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm,

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

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

11am Aboriginal Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



Year of the Family in the Diocese of Darwin based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia: on Love in the Family**

“Our teaching on marriage and the family cannot fail to be inspired by this message of love and tenderness; otherwise, it becomes nothing more than the defence of a dry and lifeless doctrine. The mystery of Christian family can be fully understood only in the light of the Father’s infinite love revealed in Christ, who gave himself up for our sake and who continues to dwell in our midst. *Amoris Laetitia*, Ch.3 #59. Question: If Jesus asks you today to write your own Gospel of the Family, what will it look like from your own experience of family life?

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
29th – 30th July 2017

FIND THE BIGGEST PEARL

In the first reading Solomon asks God for that which the king needs most, an understanding heart to dispel his sense of inadequacy in dealing with people. In the gospel reading, the searcher is impelled to seek a reality of priceless value, something so necessary and so great that he will give up everything for that find.

To know what I truly need and to seek for it is to learn one of the secrets of life. To meet my own needs for the sake of a greater value in life is to find myself, my true self in God, a self of priceless value: not what others have told me that I need, or advertising has enticed me into believing that I may need for happy living. Life is full of suggestions and recommendations from others, techniques and personages who seem to have achieved what I lack. To know and to find what I really need is an individual quest at the end of the day. Each is born alone, and in the last analysis, seeks alone with God’s help. You and I must find something if I will live into myself in God.

What are those deeper needs that I never knew existed? For example, we hear from people, “*I am desperately lonely, although I have many friends.*” “*My career is going so well yet I feel so empty.*” “*I have everything money could buy, yet something seems to be missing.*” These are many more vague gnawing are indicators, markers to deepen the quest.

Don’t reduce your search to the most basic. These are surface needs, and may not worth giving up of everything. Solomon asked for an understanding heart and it pleased God that Solomon did not ask for money. The king did not request less than his deepest needs.

So search your heart – it is a storehouse of treasure. In a way we have everything we need. We are all we need. If we are centered we will not expect anything from anyone else. We will not depend on others to fill our deepest needs. It is within where the Mystery we call God dwells.

What is holding you back from finding the biggest pearl in your life?

Fr Raass
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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.

+ PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME +

Daily Readings: starting 31 July 2017

Mon: Ex 32:15-24,30-34 Mt 13:31-35
Tues: Ex 33:7-11;34:5-9,28 Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Ex 40:16-21,34-38 Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37 Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lev 25:1,8-17 Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Dan 7:9-10,13-14
2 Pet 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

James Harvey, Carmel Leonard, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, Dwayne Schultz, Rob Dominquez, Betty Rawson, Ellen Gunner, Latai Mailau, Penelope Fleming, Joan Brenton, Pauline Cardoz, Shiroma Bulner, Anne Tobin, Eric Rooke, Margaret McNaught, Thomas Andrew Jackson, Joyce Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Cathy Golotta, Gesu Golotta, Clare Lorkin, Rose Almanza, Luigia Sabadin, Barbara Palmer.

May the Lord grant them healing

Saints of the Week

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest — Monday 31 July
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor — Tuesday 1 August
St. Dominic, Priest—Thursday 3 August
St. John Vianney, Priest—Friday 4 August

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 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.

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday night at 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you know of any adult man or woman in Central Australia who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seeks the living God and entry into the Catholic faith, please let them know that we will soon commence RCIA for a new group . At the proper time participants will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and all the rites belonging to the Catechumenate.

This opportunity is also for those who want to convert to Catholicism from another Christian denomination. If you know of any adult out there who is seeking to become a Catholic, please request their name and contact number and pass this on to the presbytery or Sr Helen Kennedy FMM - our parish RCIA Director on 0448856323.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will arrive this coming Wednesday beginning with the 5:30pm Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries and teachings of Our Lady by Fr Gerard Ryan, a member of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest. Come prepared with an open heart and ask for Mary's intercessions.

500 Years of Reformation



This year the Lutheran Church worldwide celebrates 500 years since Martin Luther, at that time an Augustinian monk, presented 95 points for discussion in Wittenberg, Germany, on All Saints Day, 31st October 1517. The Lutheran Church at 4 Gap Road invites OLSH parishioners to join them for the afternoon this Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm at the Church 'Happy' Hall at 49 Gap Road. Pastor Paul Traeger will discuss these 95 Theses of Luther and share his insights into their significance in the Reformation Movement in the Christian Church. Please contact Erik Tikoft (0438 523 125) for more details.

Bath 1st Communion St Commitment Mass

On this 17th Sunday we welcome all candidates preparing to celebrate their 1st Communion. They will make a commitment at the 9:30am Mass. Let's give them our support and prayers.

NBN Installation

For your information, the presbytery and parish centre will very soon have access to the National Broadband Network from TELSTRA.



OLSH Parish Year of the Family Retreat

OLSH Parish retreat is August 18-20 (Friday evening 6 – 8.30pm, Saturday 9am – 4-pm, Sunday 9 am- 12 noon) at the St. Francis Centre. The cost is the same for one day or all three, thank you.

The retreat fee is \$25 per person which includes all materials, morning and afternoon teas and two meals* (Friday evening and Saturday noon). Copies of the Pope's book, The Joy of Love will be available for purchase for \$10.

If Child care is required for your child/children, they MUST be RSVP** plus \$10 per child for care, food and supplies. ALL Registration and monies must be paid by Monday, August 7th. For more information, please contact: Sr. Helen Kennedy, FMM 0448856323, Ruth Sexton 0487860283 or the Parish Office 8952 1049. Registration forms available at the entrance of the church.

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.

Important Parish Events July & August	
Arrival of Our Lady of Fatima Statue	Wed 2 nd Aug 5:30pm starts with Holy Mass etc
Sr Laurie Brink PhD Bible Workshop	Mon 7 th Aug 5pm – 8:30pm, St Francis
Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates	Fri 11 th Aug, 3pm, OLSH Church
Confirmation by Bishop Eugene	Sun 13 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church
25 th Anniversary of Cross-Over Australia	Thurs 17 th Aug 5:30pm. OLSH Church
Annual Parish Spiritual Retreat 'Year of the Family'	Fri pm – Sun 18 th – 20 th Aug, St Francis
1 st Communion, Bath Street Candidates	Sun 27 th Aug 9:30am, OLSH Church

YEAR OF THE FAMILY PARISH WORKSHOPS & RETREATS			
FACILITATOR	DATE & TIME	TOPIC	VENUE
Fr Raass & Participants	Mondays 31 July; 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4 Sep	The Joy of Love Amoris Laetitia 7:00pm-8:30pm	JP2 Hall
	Monday 7th August 5-8pm	The Bible Today, Archaeological Research and Biblical Exegesis	St Francis
Sr Helen Kennedy FMM (& Family Team)	Friday 18 th – Sunday 20 th , August	ANNUAL PARISH SPIRITUAL RETREAT	St Francis

OLSH PARISH FEAST DAY & ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUNDRAISING DINNER




OLSH PARISH will celebrate its Feast Day on Saturday 9th of September, the Nativity of Our Lady which actually falls on the 8th September. The Hospitality Team and members of the PPC will start selling tickets this weekend for the Golden Jubilee Fundraising Dinner, cultural entertainment, live music, buffet dinner, disco and fun for all ages. This is a BYO event but with added licensed security personnel on premises. This fundraising dinner is to benefit the proposed 50 Golden Jubilee maintenance projects of OLSH Church. Tickets @ \$50 for adults (18yrs and over), \$20 per young person (6yrs -17yrs) and kids (0 -5yrs) free. The priests now humbly requests these major groups in the parish to provide at least two items or more of cultural entertainment for the evening: Philippines, Malayalam Indian Community, Pacific Islanders, African Community, Anglo-Saxon and any other parishioners who wish to participate. Contact Ruth, Losana or Hilda for more information.

Ecumenical Christmas Carols Preparation

It is our privilege, as the Combined Christian churches, to host the carols once again this year. What an incredible opportunity for us to demonstrate to Alice Springs our hope in Jesus Christ. OLSH Parish requests any parishioner to join the planning team for the 2017 Christmas Carols. Your first meeting will be this coming Wednesday, the 2nd of August, Red Ochre Grill, at 8.30am. The meeting will be finished by 9.30am.


Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Sunday, 6th August 2017 at 8:44 am. One minute's Silence at the Uniting Church Lawn, Todd Mall. More information at the Church entrance.

Farewell & Thank You, Fr Prakash



OLSH Parish will host a thank you gathering for Fr Prakash Menezes next Sunday 6th August after the 9:30am Mass. Please bring something to share with the others. Fr Prakash will officially finish from the parish on Monday 14th August and will move to Santa Teresa Parish as Parish Priest.

Volunteers Urgently Needed (Church Cleaning)



The Wednesday cleaning group are taking holidays over the next 3 months and are seeking volunteers to fill the gaps please. Come along next Wed between 9.00 and 11.00 am and meet the group. Sue (sacristan) is also looking for an assistant. For further information about either of these volunteering opportunities please call Sue 0405 754 717 thank you.

WELCOME FR ALEJANDRO DE LA SOTA SVD

As Fr Prakash prepares to leave the parish, another SVD priest will take his place as Assistant Parish Priest. His name is Fr Alejandro de la Sota. He hails from Chile, Latin America and arrives next week. Lets all warmly welcome him to the Red Centre. More of his background, next week.

Cleaning: August 05, 2017 **Group 6**
Jo Black, Colleen Thomas, Kate Kelly

Counters: August 06, 2017
Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,525.75 (for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$975.10 (for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,530.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Roster for weekend of 05 - 06 August 2017

	Commentator	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6:00pm	Greg Gilbert	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	M Maddocks Rose Sabadin Thelma Bowen
Sun 7:30am	Mike Steller	Kath McGargill Bill Rainnie	Sherin Anthony John Lillecrapp Rita Steller
Sun 9:30am	Pauline Otieno	Preycy Taylor Hilda Reeder	Cristy Genetti Virginia Loy Mel Buenviaje
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	Emil Tabbada Mary McPhee	Losana Hay Marieta Ives Sammy Nobleza

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Entrance Antiphon:

Ps 53:6, 8

God is in his holy place; God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading:

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130

R/ Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time; the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation (Mondays)
31 July, 14,21,28 Aug, 4 Sep

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries
Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm & on these
Sunday: 17th September, 5th November 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 holidays

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

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 10:30am-11:30am

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)
Sundays from 5:50pm-6:30pm

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 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.*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom
shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said,
"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*