



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 Indigenous Community Mass

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Year of Youth in the Diocese of Darwin



"All the same, the rejection of distortions of sexuality and eroticism should never lead us to a disparagement or neglect of sexuality and eros in themselves. The ideal of marriage cannot be seen purely as generous donation and self-sacrifice, where each spouse renounces all personal needs and seeks only the other's good without concern for personal satisfaction. We need to remember that authentic love also needs to be able to receive the other, to accept one's own vulnerability and needs, and to welcome with sincere and joyful gratitude the physical expressions of love found in a caress, an embrace, a kiss and sexual union. Benedict XVI stated this very clearly: "Should man aspire to be pure spirit and to reject the flesh as pertaining to his animal nature alone, then spirit and body would both lose their dignity". For this reason, "man cannot live by oblation, descending love alone. He cannot always give, he must also receive. Anyone who wishes to give love must also receive love as a gift". Still, we must never forget that our human equilibrium is fragile; there is a part of us that resists real human growth, and any moment it can unleash the most primitive and selfish tendencies.

Pope Francis, Ch.4#157, Amoris Laetitia)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
15th - 16th September 2018

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

On Friday of this week the Church celebrated the Triumph or Exaltation of the Cross. Many of us Catholics would probably make a claim that we would believe more deeply if we could but encounter the earthly Jesus now - I wonder where might we place ourselves in the events of Good Friday?

Would we be like the Roman soldier, trying to get another day's work? Would we be like the country-bred Simon, drafted, because of his obvious physical strength, to help Jesus carry the Cross? Or like the women of Jerusalem, unable to prevent the machinery of the Roman government from killing Jesus? Or like the Pharisees and Sadducees, trying to look righteous but hearts full of revenge and hate? Or like most of the onlookers, curious certainly and yet unwilling to take a stand either for or against Jesus? Or like Veronica who wiped Jesus' face?

Where would we have stood on that Good Friday so long ago?

Today we asked to be honest about the Cross' symbolism just as much as responding to Jesus' question in today's Gospel, "Who do people say I am?", Mark 8:27. It may be a strange time of the year, after all, Easter is long gone and Advent isn't even really close.

Yet the Church puts this Feast of the Triumph of the Cross and to ponder on Jesus' true nature right here in Springtime --- to remind us that we can never really go around it or even go out of it safely aside. The church herself calls each of us to ask ourselves this question: How are we now, today, called to live with and respond to who is Jesus for me and the tragedy and triumph of the Jesus' cross?

Jesus, in the faces of suffering people the world over, still hangs from the cross today? If we choose not either to see or respond to his suffering in them, then there is not Triumph of the Cross today, despite the church's proclamation. If we do, then everyday is a feast day too, our triumph on the cross along with Jesus' triumph. Jesus is looking into the eyes of each of us today with his own - dare we say no?

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.

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Daily Readings: starting 17 September 2018

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33 Lk 7:1-10
Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31 Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50
Fri: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Mt 9:9-13
Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Wis 2:12,17-20 Mk 9:30-37
 James 3:16-4:3
+ Pray & read your Bible every day +

**Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick**

Arlyn Rumball, Tricia Wormald, Dilushi Fonseka, Gerry Miles, Eric Robinson, Marie Liedwinger, James Harvey, Grace Boog, Coleen Langcake, Carapiet Shafraz, Felisa Sara, Garry Smith, 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 & Duncan Komene, May Shah, Bernadette Dowd, Georgina Gilbert, Clare Lorkin, Luigia Sabadin

May the Lord grant them healing

Death Anniversary: John Costa (15/09/2018)

May his soul rest in peace



To all new parishioners and visitors to Central Australia.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:15 pm

Baptism: By appointment, one month's notice required. 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 for divorced requiring annulment otherwise 6 months for free-to-marry Catholics.

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 Friday from 6-7pm; 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 -7:00pm

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Every Sunday from 9:20am

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Divine Office - Liturgy of the Hours

Monday to Friday 6:45am

**WELCOME Fr Nick De Groot SVD**

Fr Nick will arrive on 4 October 2018 and will stay in the parish until 11 Feb 2019 whilst Fr Raass is away on the parish pilgrimage and home leave. Fr Nick will assist Frs Alex, Olivier and the Parish Council in the overall leadership and direction of OLSH Parish.

Fr Nick was the Director of Janssen Spirituality Centre in Melbourne. He was born in The Hague in The Netherlands in 1943. His family migrated to Australia in 1953. He studied philosophy and theology in Chicago and returned to Australia in 1969 for his ordination in Brisbane. He then returned to Europe and graduated with a Licentiate degree in Moral Theology from the Alfonsianum University in Rome in 1972. His first assignment was to teach theology at the Major Seminary in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. In 1987 he went to Tagaytay in the Philippines to teach Moral Theology in the major seminary. In 1990, Fr Nick was asked if he would be willing to return to Papua New Guinea to join the Melanesian Institute. (The Melanesian Institute (MI) was established in 1970 to do research and promotion of the traditional cultures of PNG. The MI is an ecumenical Institution with the staff coming from the Anglican, Lutheran, United and Catholic Church. He was the Director of the Institute for 12 years. As for many other priests everywhere, one hardly ever wears only one hat. During his time at the MI, he was chosen to be the Director of the PNG Pontifical Mission Societies for 6 years and Chairman of the Board of Word Publishing Company for 10 years. Fortunately for him, not all these appointments were simultaneous. In 2006, after 16 years at the Melanesian Institute, Fr Nick became the General Secretary for the Catholic Bishops Conference in PNG. Welcome.

PLENARY 2020: START NOW

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question: **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”** and **“What question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?”**.

Please submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team. If you are unable to access internet, please write your response(s) to the above question after some time of prayer and listening to your inner voice, place your response in the special box at the back of the church. The priests will email your response(s) directly to the top. This individual approach will be rolled out for a few weeks until we start working and consulting all parish service and pastoral groups.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!

**Fr Jim Knight SVD**

Please pray for these two good friends, Fr Jim Knight SVD and Mr. Damien Lynch. Mr Lynch has been at the nursing home for many years now and bed-ridden most of the time. Fr Jim has been transferred to a hospital in NSW and awaiting further assessment.

OLSH Priests' Movements

Fr Raass: 18 Sept -24 Sept: Samoa, Church Wedding;
 25 Sept - 27 Sept: Darwin, Bishop Charles' Ordination
 1 Oct - 21 Oct: Holy Land & Italy Pilgrimage;
 22 Oct - 26 Oct: Clergy Retreat, Darwin
 11 Nov - 11 Feb 2019: Home Leave, Fiji

Fr Alex: 25 Sept - 27 Sept: Darwin for Bishop Charles' Ordination.
 22 Oct - 26 Oct: Darwin, Clergy Retreat

During Fr Raass' absence, Fr Alex will be the Acting Parish Priest and assisted by Fr Nick de Groot SVD & Fr Olivier SVD.

Welcome back to **Fr Vincent Mai** from Katherine. He will be with us from 18 Sept - 24 Sept to help out.

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Parish Approved Retreats/Workshops & Healing Services

Laudato Si Pledge & a Conversation on Eco-Spirituality	Monday 17th Sept Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm-8:30pm JP2 Hall	Parish Social Justice Team
International Bridge for Peace <i>Healing Services</i>	28th-30th Sept Fri 6:15pm/Sun after all Masses and Aboriginal communities	Annette and Ed Eckart (USA) ‘Healing the Nations Through Jesus Christ’
Parish Annual Spiritual Retreat “Claiming Your Inner Voice”	Saturday, 10 th , November, full day to Sun morning – midday Venue: St Francis Centre. Suggested Donation to cover costs—\$25-\$30	Retreat Directors: Dr Michele Connelly, RSJ & Sr Anne



OLSH PARISH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

This is a second humble reminder to all parishioners. Our 11 OLSH pilgrims departing 1st October to the Holy Land & Italy await any written intentions from you. A major part of this spiritual pilgrimage is to deepen the pilgrim's faith, hope and love, and to pray for you. Please write your intentions, place it in an envelope and hand it to Fr Raass, our Pilgrim Chaplain. We promise to pray for you, your family and intentions at every sacred places we visit in the Holy Land and Italy. Do not underestimate the power of intercessory prayers.

OLSH Family Bike Ride

The annual OLSH Family Bike Ride this year will be held on the 29th of September. This is the first day of the school holidays and is also the AFL Grand Final. What a day to get out with the family in the morning and kick back to watch the G.F. in the afternoon.

The ride will depart from Flynn's Grave at 0800 and proceed at your own pace along the picturesque Simpsons Gap Bike Path, where we will share good companionship and a cooked breakfast together. The distance is 16km. Assistance can be provided to return riders back to Flynn's Grave if required. This year, all proceeds will go to the Australian Melanoma Institute, in memory of our good friend Marie Litvinsky - Joachim. The cost will be \$20.00 per adult, children free. Get your chain oiled, your tires pumped up and stay tuned. Call Fred Twohig on 0437778819 for further information. Registration is now open on the link below.

<https://melanomainstituteau2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/OLSHparishMarie>

Church Wedding Coming Up

We congratulate **Anne Chivers and Ryan Mclean** on their Church Wedding this coming Saturday 22 Sept, 3:00pm at OLSH Church. . *"Now join your hands, and with your hands your hearts...."* William Shakespeare.

Church Funeral Coming Up

Monday 17 Sept, 10:00am: Robert Paul Tuxworth (Bob), R.I.P.
Wednesday 19 Sept, 10:30am: Dwayne Schultz, R.I.P.
(Funeral service will be held at the Desert Life Church).
Tuesday 25 Sept, 10:00am: David Gerard O'Connor, R.I.P.

Cleaning: September 22, 2018 **Group 2**
Goury Nair, Biji, Sibi Thampi, Sanila Thomas

Counters: September 23, 2018
John & Margaret Healy, Margaret McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
1st Collection: \$1,735.55(for the presbytery)
2nd Collection: \$942.65(for the parish)
Planned Giving: \$1,086.00

Thank you for your time and kind generosity!

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

Monday Adult Formation Resumes

As part of this Season of Creation, our Social Justice Group in the parish is inviting all parishioners to another Monday Adult Formation on **17th Sept from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at the JP2 Hall**. Theme will be on Climate Change, Pledge for Creation & Ecospirituality.

On 1 September this year, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, released a joint statement on the The Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Day of Prayer for the Care of the Creation was instituted by Pope Francis in 2015. The Orthodox Church has commemorated the Day since 1989. Think & Pray of what **YOU & YOUR FAMILY** can do for Creation.



Parish Soup Van and Vinnies – Call for New Volunteers

The Parish Soup Van is up and running, feeding the hungry people of Alice Springs each Thursday evening. We are calling for more volunteers in the following areas:

- Soup preparation
- Soup delivery
- Drivers (LR licence required)

Vinnies is also in need of people over the age of 14 to volunteer at their shop at Railway Terrace. Please take the time to consider and fill in the survey in this week's newsletter. Contact Peta Baillie on 0429021564, or email peta.steller@gmail.com or speak to Fr Raass if you have any questions. *"The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members..."*

Final Royal Commission Recommendation to the Catholic Church

Recommendation 16.26

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference should consult with the Holy See, and make public any advice received, in order to clarify whether:

- a. information received from a child during the sacrament of reconciliation that they have been sexually abused is covered by the seal of confession
- b. if a person confesses during the sacrament of reconciliation to perpetrating child sexual abuse, absolution can and should be withheld until they report themselves to civil authorities.

Roster for weekend of September 22 - 23, 2018

	Commentator	Readers	Communion
Sat 6:00pm	Brendan Heenan	Sr Mary Wicks Sr Anne Surtees	Pane Komene David Fernandes Helena Casseeram
Sun 7:30am	Mike Steller	M McNaught Joanne Pulsford	Greg Gilbert Fred Twohig Kath McGargill
Sun 9:30am	Br Tony Caddy	Mel Buenviaje Jenny Dietrich	Br James Hodge M Lillecrapp Mark Bensted
Sun 5:30pm	Mel Buenviaje	David Genetti Sneha Nair	Cindy Decosta Marieta Ives Goury Nair

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Entrance Antiphon:

Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me? The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 114:1-6,8-9

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading:

St James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.' The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Adult Faith & Culture Formation

Season of Creation - Monday Sept. 17, 2018

Prison (Correctional Centre) Ministries

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday: October 07, 2018

Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship

1st Tuesday of the month from 8:30am-9:30am

Bread Delivery to Town Camps

Wednesdays from 6:45pm-7:30pm

Parish Children's Choir

TBA

Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday from 9:20am except on school holidays

Old Timers Aged-Care Ministries

Thursdays from 2:00pm-3:30pm

Jay Creek Aboriginal Mission (20m dr)

3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Parish Council Meetings

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

Catholic Youth of Alice Springs

(15-18s) 4th Friday, 6:30pm, JP2 Hall

Hetti Perkins Aboriginal Ministry

3rd Friday of the month from 10:30am-11:30am

Harts Range Aboriginal Mission (3hrs)

4th Friday of the month

Finance Team Ministry

1st Saturday from 8:00am-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.

Spirituality in the Pub (Todd Tavern)

Every two months, please see SJAG notice board....next one around September 2018

Parish Soup Van Ministry

Thursdays at 6:15pm depart from presbytery

Is God calling you to any of the above ministries and more?

"Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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